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Clerk: Banks dodging fees

Judge dismisses local lawsuit that's similar to others in US

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Since April, when the Christian County clerk's office sued a company that provides services to the mortgage industry, counties in at least seven other states have followed in their footsteps. The counties believe this company has illegally dodged billions of dollars worth of fees.

On Tuesday, a federal judge threw out the lawsuit in Kentucky.

The company's spokeswoman announced that this decision set a precedent for other lawsuits.

However, since the judge's decision relied on a law specific to Kentucky, a New York attorney who is suing the company in several states believes Tuesday's ruling will likely not affect the other cases.

Meanwhile, Christian County's lawsuit is far from dead, County Attorney Mike Foster said. The judge dismissed the case because of a procedural issue — not because he disagreed with the basis for the lawsuit. Foster considers this only a temporary hang-up.

Loss to taxpayers?

The company is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., commonly known as MERS. It belongs to a series of large mortgage companies, including Bank of America, Citigroup, Wells Fargo, GMAC and Suntrust. They pool mortgages into securities that investors buy and sell.

In the mid-1990s, the banks formed MERS to track which bank owned which bank loan — instead of having county clerks keep those records. This way they avoid clerks' transaction fees. They claim this practice ultimately saves homeowners money.

Between all of Kentucky's 120 counties, the company has avoided hundreds of thousands

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Gov. Steve Beshear speaks before the Senate State and Local Government Committee on Wednesday at the Capitol in Frankfort.

Gambling bill advances to full Senate

Sen. Pendleton says voters should decide while rival argues they already have

BY DAVE BOUCHER
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

A constitutional amendment to expand gambling is one step closer to Kentucky ballots after a Senate committee recommended the bill Wednesday.

After approximately two hours of discussion that included a plea from Gov. Steve Beshear, the Senate standing committee for State and Local Government decided 7-4 to send Senate Bill 151 for a full vote.

"We've hemmed and we've hawed as states around us have pushed forward," Beshear testified to the committee. "All the while, hundreds of millions of dollars in Kentucky money is pouring across our borders into neighboring states."

Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, is one of 11 co-sponsors of the legislation. He said he was excited to see the bill move forward and echoed the governor's concerns about lost revenue. However, he said the whole point of the legislation is allowing voters to decide whether they want more gambling.

"I trust the people of Kentucky to do the right thing," Pendleton said.

He said he is not necessarily in favor of expanding gambling, but rather addressing the issue after a decade of discussion. Allowing up to seven casinos — five of which would be located at horse tracks — is a controversial issue, he admitted, but it's not the first to face Kentuckians. Pendleton said that, in the past, he favored allowing residents to vote on same-sex marriages and expanded gambling should be decided by voters too.

Whitney Westerfield, a Christian County attorney and Republican challenger to Pendleton's Senate seat, said he "hates" the legislation. The fact that Pendleton and Beshear keep saying it's time to let Kentuckians decide is wrong, Westerfield said. Kentuckians have already opposed the measure, through legislators

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A woman (above) selling music CDs at the Rumba Alley in Havana talks with two teachers from the United States, David Marienthal (above, center) and Cesar Munoz, who traveled to Cuba on an arts and culture tour in January. Two girls (right) play with puppies near the Rumba Alley, a music venue, in Havana.

Untangling the history of US, Cuban relations

JENNIFER P. BROWN

HAVANA — Let's dive right into the difficult part of my Cuban adventure, and get it out of the way. It's the part where I try to explain what happens to an American, like me, who grew up with a good vs. evil explanation for the difference between capitalism and socialism. Or democracy and communism. Or us and them. Pick your sides.

Like everything that is oversimplified and unexplored, there was much for me to learn about Cuba. When I left in January for the flight to Havana with 26 other people from the U.S., I was expecting to find a slippery sort of charm in Cuba, a place heavily controlled but quirky and colorful. The land of old Chevrolets, Fords and Buicks. Cigars and rum.

I never expected to hear so many Cubans talk about the Revolution as a current event. But over and over, I heard Cubans describe the Revolution as a way of life that is evolving — sometimes struggling, sometimes succeeding, but always

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Getting to Cuba legally

Traveling to Cuba can be complicated for citizens and residents of the United States. Cuba is the only country for which the U.S. government maintains statutory travel restrictions. But there are options.

The United States ended diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961, following Fidel Castro's 1959 victory over the Batista

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WHO WE ARE: Jennifer McKinney, 41, Hopkinsville

Jennifer McKinney is a self-proclaimed soccer mom. As a wife and the mother of two school-aged children, one of which plays soccer for his school and also on a traveling team, McKinney said she has a lot to keep her busy. But when she's not busy she likes to spend her time on the golf course.

"If I could, I would play golf every day," McKinney said. "I just bought a new set of irons so everybody needs to watch out."

As a member of the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club, McKinney said she has the opportunity to golf often and is even preparing for the tournament season coming in a few months.

In addition to playing golf, McKinney said she enjoys going camping.

"We have a camper so we'll go down to LBL and camp with some friends," she said. "I like to be outside and sitting around the fire grilling and eating."

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Study: Colonoscopy cuts colon cancer death risk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Millions of people have endured a colonoscopy, believing the dreaded exam may help keep them from dying of colon cancer. For the first time, a major study offers clear evidence that it does.

Removing precancerous growths spotted during the test can cut the risk of dying from colon cancer in half, the study suggests. Doctors have long assumed a benefit, but research hasn't shown before that removing polyps would improve survival — the key measure of any cancer screening's worth.

Some people skip the test because of the unpleasant steps need to get ready for it.

"Sure, it's a pain in the neck. People complain to me all the time, 'It's horrible. It's terrible,'" said Dr. Sidney Winawer, a gastroenterologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York who helped lead the study. "But look at the alternative."

A second study in Europe found that colonoscopies did a better job of finding polyps than another common screening tool — tests that look for blood in stool. Both studies were published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States and the fourth worldwide. More than 143,000 new cases of cancers of the colon or rectum are expected in the U.S. this year and nearly 52,000 people will die from it, according to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths from colorectal cancer have been declining for more than two decades, mostly because of screening including colonoscopies and other tests, the organization says. People of average risk of colon cancer ages 50 to 75 should get screened, but only about half in the U.S. do.

A government appointed panel of experts recommends one of three methods: annual stool blood tests; a sigmoidoscopy (scope exam of the lower bowel) every five years, plus stool tests every three years; or a colonoscopy once a decade.

In a colonoscopy, a thin, flexible tube with a tiny camera is guided through the large intestine. Growths can be snipped off and checked for cancer. Patients are sedated, but many dread the test because it requires patients to eat a modified diet and drink solutions the day before to clear out the bowel. It usually costs more than $1,000, compared with a $20 stool test.

Feds award health insurance overhaul grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials say another 10 states are getting a total of $230 million to set up new health insurance markets under President Barack Obama's overhaul.

Seven of them — Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania — have either adopted a plan or are making substantial headway. But a recent Associated Press analysis found uneven progress among states setting up the new insurance exchanges, a linchpin of the law.

In two states announced Wednesday — Kentucky and Tennessee — it's not clear whether policymakers will follow through. In Arkansas, officials concede that Washington will have to take the lead.

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DOLLY H. GREEN

Dolly H. Green, age 88, of Upper Arlington, died Monday, February 20, 2012 at her home. She was born July 22, 1923 in Cadiz, Kentucky, daughter of the late John and Nora (Sumner) Armstrong.

Dolly began as a registered nurse with Dr. Higgins private practice in Hopkinsville, KY. She later was an RN with First Community Village retiring as Head Nurse in 1985.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Harvey Oscar Green Sr., in 1995; her brothers and sisters, Thomas and Dennis Armstrong and Eldo and Lula Humphries and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lloyd Green and Lillian Vink.

Dolly will be dearly missed by her children, Gretchen Green (Stan Kronenberger), Mitzi (Steve) Fields, Theresa (Jim) Mayer and H. Oscar Green II; her grandchildren, Brian (Emilie) and Kevin Mayer, Andy Fields and Amanda (Joseph) McWilliams; faithful companion, Willie and several nieces and nephews.

She was a graduate of Baylor University School of Nursing and a longtime member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Dolly was a former Girl Scout leader and room mother who loved putting family first. She was an avid reader, gardener and proud supporter of PBS.

The family would like to thank the Volunteer Partner Support Group of Goodwill Industries for the faithful assistance shown to Dolly over the years.

Friends may call 12 Noon- 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012 at SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL, 1740 Zollinger Road, where funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Paul St. Germain officiating. Private interment at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Upper Arlington Public Library Audio CD's program, 2800 Tremont Rd., Columbus, OH 43221 or Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm St., Winnetka, IL 60093 or Goodwill Industries Volunteer Partner Support, 1331 Edgehill Road, Columbus, OH 43212, in her memory.

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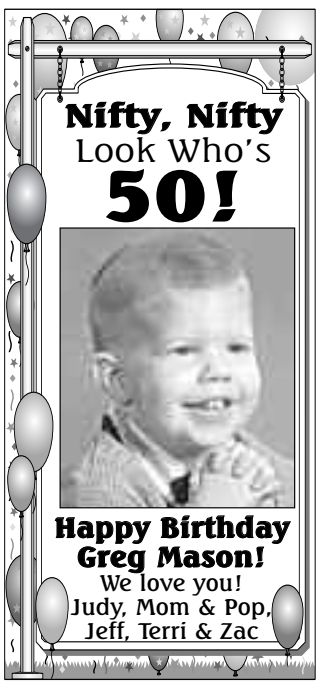

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AT&T Inc	NY	1.76	5.8	46	30.34	+.33	+.3
AbtLab	NY	1.92	3.4	16	56.16	–.20	–.1
AlcatelLuc	NY	...	...	...	2.57	+.12	+64.7
Alcoa	NY	.12	1.2	15	10.41	+.26	+20.3
Allstate	NY	.88	2.8	21	31.56	+.17	+15.1
Altria	NY	1.64	5.5	18	29.62	–.03	–.1
AmExp	NY	.72	1.4	13	52.85	–.01	+12.0
Apple Inc	Nasd	...	...	15	514.85	+12.73	+27.1
ApldMatl	Nasd	.32	2.5	11	12.71	–.20	+18.7
AutoZone	NY	...	...	18	359.66	–.55	+10.7
BB&T Cp	NY	.64	2.1	16	30.09	–.24	+19.5
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.1	6	47.16	–.46	+10.3
BkofAm	NY	.04	.5	...	8.11	+.09	+45.9
Bar iPVix	NY	...	...	...	26.56	–.04	–25.2
BrMySq	NY	1.36	4.2	15	32.32	–.80	–8.3
CampSp	NY	1.16	3.5	14	33.05	+.15	–.6
ChesEng	NY	.35	1.4	7	24.62	–.09	+10.5
Cisco	Nasd	.32	1.6	16	20.36	+.07	+13.0
Citigrp rs	NY	.04	.1	9	33.36	+.44	+26.8
CocaCola	NY	2.04	3.0	19	68.82	–.23	–1.6
CSVS2xVxS	NY	...	...	...	17.01	–.04	–46.8
Dell Inc	Nasd	...	...	9	18.21	+.05	+24.5
DeltaAir	NY	...	...	9	10.05	–.78	+24.2
DrSCBr rs	NY	...	...	...	18.72	+.38	–29.3
Disney	NY	.60	1.4	16	41.57	–.18	+10.9
DuPont	NY	1.64	3.2	14	51.60	+.12	+12.7
ExxonMbl	NY	1.88	2.2	10	86.57	+.95	+2.1
FordM	NY	.20	1.6	7	12.53	–.22	+16.4
FMCG	NY	1.25	2.8	9	43.97	+.93	+19.5
FrontierCm	Nasd	.40	8.6	27	4.63	–.15	–10.1
GenElec	NY	.68	3.5	16	19.41	+.13	+8.4
GileadSci	Nasd	...	...	13	44.69	–2.31	+9.2
HewlettP	NY	.48	1.6	9	29.35	–.24	+13.9
HomeDp	NY	1.16	2.5	19	46.92	+.21	+11.6
HonwllIntl	NY	1.49	2.5	23	59.89	–.21	+10.2
HopFedBc	Nasd	.08	1.0	...	8.40	–.14	+30.2
iShJapn	NY	.20	2.0	...	9.96	–.01	+9.3
iShSilver	NY	...	...	...	33.38	+1.10	+23.9

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iShEMkts	NY	.81	1.9	...	43.75	–.18	+15.3
iShR2K	NY	1.02	1.2	...	82.23	–.56	+11.5
Intel	Nasd	.84	3.1	11	27.16	–.21	+12.0
IBM	NY	3.00	1.6	15	193.39	–.03	+5.2
IntPap	NY	1.05	3.2	11	33.32	–.14	+12.6
JPMorgCh	NY	1.00	2.6	9	38.46	–.01	+15.7
JohnJn	NY	2.28	3.5	19	65.04	+.05	–.8
JohnsnCtl	NY	.72	2.0	15	35.13	–.03	+12.4
Kohls	NY	1.00	1.9	12	51.79	–.01	+4.9
Kroger	NY	.46	1.9	12	23.82	–.10	–1.7
MGM Rsts	NY	...	...	...	14.19	–.47	+36.0
McDnlds	NY	2.80	2.8	19	100.49	+.50	+.2
Merck	NY	1.68	4.4	19	38.13	–.43	+1.1
Meritor	NY	...	...	12	7.81	–.09	+46.8
MicronT	Nasd	...	...	...	8.21	–.22	+30.5
Microsoft	Nasd	.80	2.5	11	31.44	+.19	+21.1
NokiaCp	NY	1.26	22.6	...	5.58	+.09	+15.8
Oracle	Nasd	.24	.8	16	28.74	–.05	+12.0
Penney	NY	.80	1.9	25	41.35	–1.33	+17.6
PepsiCo	NY	2.06	3.3	16	63.14	+.46	–4.8
Pfizer	NY	.88	4.1	17	21.22	+.03	–1.9
PhilipMor	NY	3.08	3.7	17	82.27	+.53	+4.8
PwShs QQQ	Nasd	.46	.7	...	63.61	+.18	+13.9
ProctGam	NY	2.10	3.3	16	64.42	–.49	–3.4
RadioShk	NY	.50	6.9	10	7.26	–.62	–25.2
S&P500ETF	NY	2.58	1.9	...	136.47	+.06	+8.7
SearsHldgs	Nasd	.33	...	...	50.94	–3.59	+60.3
SiriusXM	Nasd	...	...	16	2.12	–.03	+16.5
SPDR Fncl	NY	.22	1.5	...	14.78	–.01	+13.7
StanBlkDk	NY	1.64	2.2	17	75.39	+.03	+11.5
Target	NY	1.20	2.3	12	52.54	–.10	+2.6
ThrshdPhm	Nasd	...	...	...	5.01	+1.48	+310.7
US Bancrp	NY	.50	1.7	12	29.12	–.23	+7.7
WalMart	NY	1.46	2.4	13	60.07	–2.41	+.5
Walgrn	NY	.90	2.6	12	34.18	–.53	+3.4
WeathfIntl	NY	...	...	59	15.36	–2.43	+4.9
WellsFargo	NY	.48	1.6	11	30.96	–.13	+12.3
Yahoo	Nasd	...	...	18	14.75	–.26	–8.6

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LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

LUKE QUERTERMOUS

Luke Quertermous, 89, Princeton, died at 11:26 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Caldwell Medical Center following a brief illness.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Morgan's Funeral Home, Princeton, with the Rev. Cliff Jones and Bobby Gobel officiating.

Burial will be in Carrsville Cemetery, Livingston County.

Visitation will be from 2 until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Livingston County, he was born July 24, 1922, the son of the late John and Lulu Sullivan Quertermous.

He practiced law for more than 50 years serving as a city attorney, a county attorney and a city judge.

He was a captain in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

He was a member of First Christian Church, Princeton.

There are no immediate survivors.

MARY DECOURSEY

Mary "Kathy" DeCoursey 57, Cadiz, died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz, with the Rev. Monty Flanigan officiating.

Burial will be in Trigg Memory Acres, Cadiz.

Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A native of South Fulton, she was born July 29, 2012, the daughter of Charles Strohl Sr., Hopkinsville, and the late Mary Lee Strohl.

She was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Realty, Cadiz. She had also worked at the Cadiz Post Office and was the first E-911 coordinator in Trigg County.

She was a member of Liberty Point Baptist Church and served as a counselor for Celebrate Recovery.

In addition to her father, survivors include her husband, Steve DeCoursey; two sons, Ben Powell, Bowling Green, and Glenn Powell, Owensboro; a stepson, Derek DeCoursey, Hopkinsville; a brother, Chip Strohl, Hopkinsville; a sister, Debbie Reagan, Hopkinsville; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation, 1411 K St., NW Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, or the American Cancer Society, C/O Dannye Wagner, 218 Canton Lakeshore Drive, Cadiz, KY 42211.

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CONRAD J. TURNER

Services for Conrad James Turner, 63, Bradford Heights, will be at noon Friday at Brooks Haven Memorial Funeral Home.

Turner

Burial will be at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West.

Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He died at 12:15 Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, of natural causes.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., he was born Oct. 27, 1948, the son of the late Connie Turner and Jesse Turner.

He was a truck driver, an Army veteran and a member of St. John's Baptist Church.

His wife, Mary Ann Davie Turner, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Henry Burton, Lexington; four daughters, Clair Johnson, Amanda Campbell, Shauna Durant, all of Hopkinsville, and Traci Fitzgerald, Danville, Va.; a brother, Ozzie Turner, Leesburg, Ga.; a sister, Carlyn Mitchell, Chicago; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

HOMER FULLER

Homer Fuller, 89, Princeton, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at Princeton Health and Rehab following a long illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Morgan's Funeral Home, Princeton, with the Revs. James McKinney and Jerry Hoffman officiating.

A Masonic service will be 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Henry County, Ohio, he was born March 17, 1922, the son of the late Homer Fuller Sr. and Sadie Robinson Fuller.

He was a retired inspector at Champion Spark Plug Company, Toledo, Ohio.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran and served in WWII.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Wauseon, Ohio, and the Shriners Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Irene May Pontius Fuller; two sons, Tom (Joy) Fuller, Slaughter, and Tim Fuller, Crofton; six grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

HUEL RAY OWEN

Huel Ray Owen, 80, Crofton, died at 6:25 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center following a long illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hughart and Beard Funeral Home, Crofton, with the Rev. Dwight Brown officiating.

Burial will be in Castleberry Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 tonight at the funeral home.

A native of Christian County, he was born July 8, 1931, the son of the late James Thomas and Claudie Petty Owen.

He had worked as a salesman for Lincoln Insurance Company, owned and operated the Empire Market in Crofton and retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

He was a member of Castleberry Baptist Church and was a former Royal Ambassadors instructor at Crofton Baptist Church. He also attended Crofton Christian Church.

He was an Army veteran who served with the rank of corporal.

His wife, Erma Jean Eli "Jeanie" Owen, preceded him in death in 2009.

Survivors include two sons, James Ray Owen, Crofton, and Shannon Owen, Madisonville; a daughter, Suzanne Owen Boyd, Crofton; two sisters, Louise Tyson, Hopkinsville, and Lola Mae Johanna, Newburgh, Ind.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International or the donor's local church.

TENNY MITCHELL

Services for Tenny Mitchell, 60, Princeton, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Morgan's Funeral Home, Princeton, with the Rev. Richie McKinney officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until time for the service.

He died at 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

A native of Caldwell County, he was born Dec. 28, 1951, the son of the late J.C. and Ermallean Vinson Mitchell.

He was a member of the Eagles and had served as state president of the organization. In addition, he had served on the Princeton Police Department and was retired from the position of recreational leader at the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

He has coached several years for Youth Inc.

A brother, Ray (Kay) Mitchell, Princeton, survives.

Memorials may be made to Youth Inc., P.O. Box 336, Princeton, KY 42445.

ELSEWHERE

SHANNON L. JONES

Shannon Leigh Jones, 25, Clarksville, Tenn., formerly of Hopkinsville, died at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at Gateway Medical Center, Clarksville, following a brief illness.

Jones

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lamb Funeral Home with the Rev. Bencie Rasnake officiating.

Burial will be in Peaceful Meadows Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Hopkinsville, she was born Dec. 14, 1986, the daughter of Tammy Lynn Ford Jones, Hopkinsville, and the late Morris Blankenship.

She was a day care teacher in Clarksville and was a Baptist.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her stepfather, Jeffrey Jones; two sisters, Tiffany Renae Jones, who is employed in production at the Kentucky New Era, and Kelsey Michelle Jones, both of Hopkinsville; and her grandparents, Gene and Nancy Tolbert Ford, both of Hopkinsville.

DR. ARTHUR KUPISCH

Dr. Arthur Gene "Art" Kupisch, 70, Marion, a former school superintendent in Christian County, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. March 4 at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, Ill.

Myers Funeral Home, Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

A native of Mattoon, he was born Sept. 24, 1941, the son of the late Arthur and Mary Bernardini Kupisch.

A Navy veteran, he had served in Navy Aviation Reconnaissance.

Following his Navy duty, he earned a degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, his master's from Indiana University, Terre Haute, Ind., and his doctorate in education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

He was employed as a teacher in Mattoon, was a director of special education in Valparaiso, Ind., and served as superintendent of schools in Cannelton, Ind., Elwood, Ind., and Christian County.

Prior to his retirement he was assistant superintendent of Crittenden County Schools in Marion.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Brizendine Kupisch; a son, Koy Kupisch, Springfield, Ill.; stepsons, John Conrad, Columbia, S.C., Lee Conrad, Hopkinsville; a stepdaughter, Marjorie Conrad, Denver; and a grandson.

Memorials may be made to Marion United Methodist Church, 112 South College St., Marion, KY 42064 or to the University Of Texas M.D. Anderson Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

State prison to open museum

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville will soon open a museum showcasing items from the prison's past.

Alan Brown, assistant warden, said the museum is a way to preserve remnants of the prison's history that might otherwise be lost.

The idea for the museum came to Brown when he stumbled on a cardboard box full of discarded tin cups.

During a cleaning session years ago, many boxes of old items were thrown out, including the tin cups.

Since then, Brown has collected a number of items including old registers, death certificates, contraband and sewing machines.

One of the more prominent items in the museum is an old wooden electric chair. On a wall near the chair are large toggles and dials that cause the lights in the room to flicker when switched.

Old sepia-colored photos of the prison's construction are hung on a wall along with original newspaper articles about a prison escape in the 1980s.

Under a glass case, an old register from the early 20th century lists inmates' names and their crimes — one of the crimes listed in the register is horse stealing.

Other items in the museum include a wood-crafted .22 caliber handgun, a shiv made from a razor blade and a toothbrush and tattoo gun built out of a radio motor and guitar strings.

There is one item that Brown wishes was part of the museum: a ball and chain. He said he is hoping someone will find one in their attic and donate it to the prison.

The museum is slotted to open in mid-April, Brown said.

REACH BENJAMIN JOUBERT at 270-887-3240 or bjoubert@kentuckynewera.com.

Senate committee approves debt limit

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The Senate State and Local Government Committee on Wednesday approved a bill to limit the state's general budget debt to 6 percent of general revenue.

Sen. Walter Blevins, D-Morehead, was the only no vote.

Sen. Joe Bowen, R-Owensboro, and the bill's sponsor, was the only committee member to discuss discussed the bill before it was voted on at the meeting. Earlier in the day, however, about 50 Kentucky tea party activists spoke in favor of the bill at a rally in the state Capitol rotunda.

The demonstrators also protested deficit spending at every level of government.

Calling government debt "generational theft" and "slavery," speakers at the rally railed against what conservative radio host Leland Conway said was $41 billion in state debt — or $9,447 for each Kentuckian.

One of the speakers was Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, whose committee passed the bill later in the day.

Thayer, a co-sponsor, said that in its prior form, Bowen's bill would have placed a question on the ballot to allow Kentuckians to vote to amend the state Constitution to limit debt. It was changed, however, to be a statutory, rather than a constitutional, measure.

Thayer explained that the bill was Senate Bill 56, but it was changed to Senate Bill 1 to indicate its importance.

Most of the committee meeting was spent discussing another proposed constitutional amendment that would allow voters to decide on casino gambling at horse racing tracks and at other locations. Thayer is the chief sponsor of that bill.

"The single most important responsibility of elected officials is to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars," Bowen said at the rally.

The state's debt limit is currently a little over 6 percent.

"That's a reasonable figure," Bowen said. "When you go beyond that, the bond rating agencies take an unfavorable view of what we're doing here in Frankfort."

Conway said the state has "to get accountability and transparency" in state government.

"Senate Bill 1 is the first step in that process," he said.

The bill now will go to the Senate for consideration.

The legislation is SB 1.

IN BRIEF

AGENDA

The Kentucky Open Meetings Law applies to the following meetings.

TODAY

Community Housing Development Organization, 11:30 a.m., Lackey Municipal Building's Bruce Conference Room.

CORRECTION

A headline on Page A1 of Wednesday's New Era contained incorrect information. The Kentucky School Boards Association is not affiliated with the Kentucky Department of Education.

LAKE LEVELS

Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation, last updated at 6 p.m. **Wednesday, Kentucky Lake, Upper Stage,** 354.9, **Normal Stage,** 354; **Lower Stage,** 305.5.

Lake Barkley, Upper Stage, 354.7; **Normal Stage,** 354; **Lower Stage,** 311.7.

Water Temperatures, Kentucky Lake, 47 degrees; **Kentucky Dam,** 47 degrees; **Barkley Dam,** 46 degrees; **Normal Temperature,** 46 degrees.
Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

PRECIPITATION

Christian County Daily Precipitation (inches), **Sunday,** 0.01; **Monday,** 0.00; **Tuesday,** 0.05; **Month to date,** 0.98. **Year to date,** 4.55.
Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

LOTTERY

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Wednesday:

Pick 3 Evening: 8-7-4
Pick 3 Midday: 0-4-1
Pick 4 Midday: 6-6-3-4
Powerball: 07-16-17-39-51, Powerball: 32

Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — These Tennessee lotteries were drawn Wednesday:

Cash 3 Evening: 8-6-0, Lucky Sum: 14
Cash 3 Midday: 3-0-2, Lucky Sum: 5
Cash 4 Evening:4-6-2-6, Lucky Sum: 18
Cash 4 Midday: 2-3-8-6, Lucky Sum: 19

Paul sticks to position on synthetic drugs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Rand Paul denounced the use of synthetic drugs but stuck to his position Wednesday that the push to ban the new-wave substances should come from state and local authorities, not the federal government.

The Kentucky Republican is using a procedural maneuver to try to block Senate bills seeking to ban the use of certain chemicals in synthetic drugs such as "bath salts" and other compounds that mimic marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines.

He said that people who use synthetic drugs are foolish and said he's not opposed to laws against the substances.

"I do think that justice is better served by having the laws locally," Paul told reporters after speaking to a group of conservative lawyers.

One proposal to crack down on synthetic drugs has passed the House, and White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske has been among the bill's supporters calling on the Senate to follow suit.

Paul did not say Wednesday whether he would try to stymie the House-passed measure, but sounded open to negotiations if supporters are willing to look at some minimum mandatory drug sentences that have been criticized by Paul.

"What we're doing is trying to work with them to say if they will discuss these mandatory minimums," Paul said. "Putting somebody in jail for 20 years for possession of marijuana is too much. I just think that's inappropriate."

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U.S. Sen. Rand Paul (left) uses a microscope to enhance his view of a patient's eye as he operates at the Pain Management Center near Paducah Tuesday. Paul, a veteran eye surgeon, performed several pro-bono procedures Tuesday.

Paul keeps surgery skills sharp with pro bono work

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Eye surgeon turned U.S. Sen. Rand Paul kept his medical skills sharp Tuesday by removing cataracts from four uninsured patients — pro bono.

The Republican was a longtime ophthalmologist in Bowling Green before he was elected to the Senate in 2010. The tea party darling said he has found his pro bono work during Senate recesses especially rewarding because the patients, lacking insurance, often have put off treatment and have developed extremely poor vision.

"They end up being probably the happiest people you'll ever meet," Paul said.

Kentucky resident Tim Wagner, a 41-year-old self-employed carpenter who has no health insurance, is one of those happy people. Paul removed a cataract from Wagner's right eye last month.

"I couldn't see out of it," Wagner said Tuesday. "Everything was just a blur."

Wagner had gone to a southeastern Kentucky doctor to ask about having the surgery and setting up a payment plan to cover the cost. Instead, that doctor recommended Paul, who fully restored Wagner's vision.

"It didn't cost me anything," he said. "I never even got to tell him thank you. But it was a blessing to me."

Paul had hoped to continue working as an eye surgeon part time after his election, but ethics rules don't allow physicians elected to the Senate to bill for their services, making it financially difficult to stay in practice.

"It's one of the things I really didn't anticipate," Paul said. "I didn't know the rules would be so stringent."

Paul has teamed up with ophthalmologists in Corbin, Glasgow and Paducah who do the pre-surgery screenings and who schedule the procedures in surgical centers in those communities.

Paul said the patients aren't the only ones who benefit from the surgeries. It allows him to remain active in the medical profession that he intends to return to in the future.

"It's nice for people who don't have insurance to get their cataracts done, and it does help me to stay in practice," he said. "I've told people I believe we need more citizen politicians who do come home. Unfortunately, many doctors get up there and get too far away from it."

The result is that physicians who serve in Washington often drop out of their practices when they return home.

"I'm not faulting them for that," Paul said in Paducah where he did the surgeries. "I'm just saying it's hard to do your job up there, continue doing some surgery, and stay in practice."

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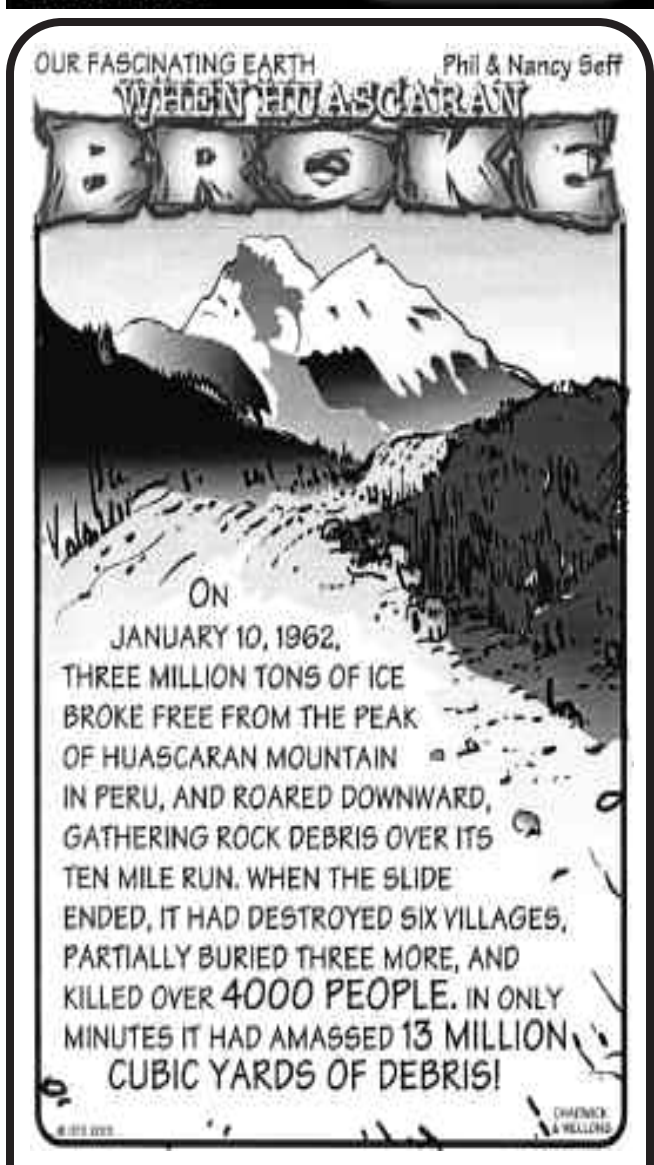

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Appeals court in Kentucky upholds 1998 tobacco deal

LOUISVILLE, KY. (AP) — The landmark 1998 national settlement between 46 states and 19 tobacco companies is valid and doesn't amount to a conspiracy or anti-competitive behavior by the government, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati rejected claims from General Tobacco, a now-shuttered Mayodan, N.C., company, that it was misled into taking part in the agreement in 2004, causing it to effectively shut down five years later.

The Master Settlement Agreement ultimately prevented companies from being sued by state governments for the costs of health care for smokers, but required a combination of yearly payments to states and restrictions on advertising. The settlement protected cigarette wholesalers and retailers from liability.

General Tobacco's attorney, John Bush of Bingham, Greenbaum, Doll in Louisville, said the company was disappointed by the ruling.

"The company is reviewing its options for further appeal at this point," Bush told The Associated Press.

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway said in a statement that the state has received $1.39 billion from the agreement since 1998.

"We appreciate the court upholding the integrity of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement," Conway said.

The National Association of Attorneys General, which argued the case, was reviewing the decision.

On the Web:
Read the full ruling online at:
www.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/12a0050p-06.pdf

The case arose after U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman in Louisville dismissed General Tobacco's challenge to the agreement in 2009, ruling that the company couldn't prove the settlement amounted to a conspiracy or anti-competitive behavior by the government.

General Tobacco, which sold the GT-One brand and at one point was the sixth-largest cigarette maker in the country, paid about $600 million into the settlement, including about $200 million in back payments for the six years the settlement was in place before the company joined, and another $36 million in escrow.

General Tobacco, founded in 2000, claimed that nonparticipating companies were almost excluded from selling tobacco products in the United States because no wholesaler or retailer would risk selling a brand not covered by the agreement.

The settlement divided participants into two camps — original participants and subsequent participants. General Tobacco claimed that split amounted to a conspiracy and unfairly treated cigarette companies who came late to the agreement by making them pay more than the original group.

General Tobacco argued that it eventually signed on to the settlement because it was the only way to get full access to the U.S. tobacco market. But, by joining late, the company said it had to pay more than the 19 companies that originally settled the case, making the settlement unfair to General Tobacco.

Judge Eric Clay wrote in a 21-page decision that General Tobacco understood the terms of the agreement and the multiple rights it waived signing on to the agreement.

"Plaintiff has not alleged that it did not understand that it was waiving its constitutional claims," Clay wrote. "...The waiver is valid."

Judge Helene White concurred with the decision in a one-sentence opinion.

Clay, writing for the court, found that the Attorneys General and the 19 tobacco companies that took part in the settlement before General Tobacco signed on are immune from being sued. States and their agencies are generally immune from lawsuits, unless they are acting as a "market participant" instead of a governmental role.

Clay found that the attorneys general were acting as government officials in enforcing the settlement.

"Plaintiff does not allege any facts necessary to show that Attorneys General defendants were acting as market participants," Clay wrote.

AP Exclusive: National meth lab busts up in 2011

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Methamphetamine lab seizures rose nationally again in 2011, further evidence the powerfully addictive and dangerous drug is maintaining a tight grip on the nation's heartland, according to an Associated Press survey of the nation's top meth-producing states.

Missouri regained the top national spot for lab seizures in 2011 with 2,096, the AP confirmed through the survey that also found Tennessee was second with 1,687, followed by Indiana with 1,437, Kentucky with 1,188 and Oklahoma with 902.

The total for Missouri lines up with preliminary numbers AP obtained this week from the Drug Enforcement Administration, whose data appeared to show meth lab seizures remained about even during the past two years. But the totals for each of the other states surveyed by AP reveal the numbers are higher than the federal data.

Combined, the numbers indicate nationwide meth lab seizures rose at least 8.3 percent in 2011 compared with 2010.

Experts blame the continued increase on the drug's addictiveness and the growing popularity of the meth-making shortcut known as "shake-and-bake," in which the drug is concocted quickly in a soda bottle. The method results in smaller labs, but more of them.

Clandestine meth labs are most common in the Midwest and South. U.S. users who don't make the drug themselves get it from Mexico, but experts say the drug made in homemade labs is more addictive than the often-diluted product that crosses the border.

"When they're manufacturing it locally they're making the purest form and the strongest form they can make," said Sgt. Niki Crawford of the Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Team.

Missouri had been the nation's No. 1 meth-producing state every year from 2003 to 2009 until falling behind Tennessee for one year. In 2011, a single Missouri county had more busts than Texas, Florida and California combined. Jefferson County, which is near St. Louis, tallied 253 seizures; the three states had 219.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Tim Hull attributed the state's consistently high seizure rate to law enforcement agencies' focus on addressing the meth problem.

Police in many Missouri counties stake out pharmacies and watch for "pill shoppers" who go from store to store to purchase decongestants containing pseudoephedrine, a vital meth ingredient, now that tighter state restrictions have limited how much of the product they can buy in one place at one time. Many Missouri agencies also have officers focused solely on meth.

"Is Missouri that much worse or does Missouri just take a more aggressive approach? I think Missouri law enforcement just aggressively deals with the issue," Hull said.

Indeed, Missouri and Kentucky are among a handful of high-meth states that developed their own programs to train local police to better handle meth cleanup and take the hazardous waste to container sites placed around the state.

The programs helped those states continue with busts after millions of dollars in federal funding set aside for cleanup suddenly was cut in February 2011. Many local police agencies in states without their own programs all but stopped seeking out meth labs because the local governments couldn't afford cleanup costs.

An AP analysis in August found the number of labs seized plummeted by at least a third in several key meth-producing states within six months. The federal money then was restored late last year.

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Feds indict Ky. mine company, officials

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a coal company and three officials at a Harlan County mine where an underground miner was killed in a roof fall last year.

The 32-count indictment issued Wednesday in London, Ky., charges Manalapan Mining Company and three officials with violating federal mine safety laws related to underground mine roof structures and dangerous electric cables.

The indictment says records of pre-shift inspections kept by the supervisors dating from June 13 to June 28 were falsified.

On June 29, 46-year-old David Partin died at the P-1 mine when he was crushed by a roof collapse.

A spokesman at Manalapan Mining did not return a call for comment on the indictments Wednesday afternoon.

The indictment arrived on the same day that a former superintendent at the West Virginia mine where 29 workers were killed in a 2010 explosion was charged in federal court.

Gary May is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, and faces accusations of falsifying safety records at the Upper Big Branch mine.

The indictments in Kentucky against Manalapan Mining name the P-1 mine's superintendent, Joseph Miniard, operations manager Jefferson Davis, and second shift foreman Bryant Massingale.

The three supervisors "failed to report and record hazardous conditions" at the mine and "aided and abetted one another" in violating federal safety rules, the indictment says.

The indictment also names Manalapan in four counts and says the company allowed "miners to work under the unsupported roof" in a section of the P-1 mine.

Miniard, 45, of Smith, Ky., faces 18 counts related to the pre-shift inspections at the mine. Miniard was designated to countersign the reports, and he signed them "knowing that the pre-shift examiner had failed to report and to record hazardous conditions," according to the indictment.

Massingale, 52, of Cawood, conducted pre-shift inspections and faces seven counts related to the inspections that were allegedly falsified.

Davis, 53, of Harlan, and the other men face three counts for failing to follow the mine's federally-approved roof control plan, allowing workers to work in hazardous conditions and for allowing miners to use equipment in the dangerous conditions.

The men are due in federal court in London on March 13 for arraignments.

The federal charges range from a maximum of one year in prison for some of the counts and up to five years in prison for the counts related to the false records, along with fines up to $250,000 per count.

KENTUCKY BRIEF

Helicopters training at Fort Carson

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) — Residents in the Fort Carson area can expect to see and hear more helicopters when Army aviators from Fort Campbell conduct high-altitude training in Colorado this spring.

The 101st Combat Aviation Brigade's training will take place from Thursday until mid-May. Aviators will fly Blackhawk, Apache and Chinook helicopters.

Fort Carson officials said they and the visiting commanders will work with local communities to address noise and environmental concerns.

Officials said noise complaints should be directed to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at 719-526-9849.

Parks group urges more protection for Mammoth Cave

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A plan by the Environmental Protection Agency to exempt some older coal plants from tough air quality standards could hurt Mammoth Cave National Park, according to the National Parks Conservation Association.

The group is urging the EPA not to allow the exemption, citing a report released this month that it would allow emissions of 243 percent more nitrogen oxides "than the best pollution controls would allow."

The NPCA is an independent organization with a mission "to protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations," according to a statement posted on its website.

The group says Western Kentucky Energy has two small plants near Henderson that would harm the park without better pollution controls.

Western Kentucky Energy environmental manager Thomas Shaw told the Daily News that the plants are currently in compliance with EPA standards and the company hasn't asked for an exemption.

"It's hard to say whether or not we would be in compliance with any future (regulations) because we don't know what they are," Shaw said.

TVA instituting new shoreline fees next year

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Valley Authority is preparing to roll out restructured fees for shoreline marinas across the seven-state region that some smaller operators say could be the death knell of their businesses.

The fees to be applied in 2013 will affect about 450 riverbank businesses and properties on 46 reservoirs owned by the TVA, which is a federal government utility. The fees will use a formula that assesses market-value rental or lease value or a percent of commercial revenue, said James Adams, TVA's manager for land and shorelines. The overall new contract is based on 4 percent of revenue.

Larry Steidle owns Blue Springs Marina, between Kingston and Spring City on the Tennessee River. He told the Chattanooga Times Free Press he owns land, but TVA owns the water and the shoreline up to a certain point.

Steidle, who has been in business for three decades, worries about the new fees.

"Now with this recent land and shoreline policy change, they want a percentage of your gross income or your base fee," Steidle said. "I doubt if my bills can withstand that."

However, TVA land and shoreline communications consultant Bill Sitton said the fees are called for.

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Larry Steidle, 53, owner of the BlueSprings Marina near Ten Mile, Tenn., poses near his business Sunday. He expects more difficulty in business after the Tennessee Valley Authority said they will take a bigger share of his profits.

"These folks are in private business making money off of public land," said Sitton.

Marina and campground operators are joined by at least two county chiefs in asking TVA to reconsider. Rhea County Mayor George Thacker and Meigs County Executive Garland Lankford went before the TVA board last week.

Thacker told the board the fee is akin to a new tax, which the utility said is not the case. Board members thanked the county officials, but didn't act on their request for a moratorium.

Not all operators see the fees as onerous. Bob McMahan, vice president and chief operating officer of Erwin Marine, says they are fair. The company operates Chickamauga Marina.

"If people are complaining, they're taking exception to what it used to be. If they're saying this will put them out of business, then they've got bigger problems," said McMahan.

McMahan said TVA's planned increases in 2005 were too high, but five years of negotiations produced a workable increase.

"Really some of those old licenses (lease rates) were really low — I mean three figures a year," he said.

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Area coroner protests medical examiner office closure

FROM THE KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

Caldwell County Coroner Dewayne Trafford is joining his colleagues across western Kentucky in protesting a plan to shut down the office of the state medical examiner in Madisonville.

The office has been without a medical examiner since June 2011, when Dr. DeDe Schluckebier resigned unexpectedly.

Since that time, coroners in the state's 24 westernmost counties, have had to transport bodies requiring autopsy to the medical examiner's office in Louisville.

The Louisville office is one of three medical examiners' offices still open in the state.

The others are in Frankfort and Fort Thomas, near Cincinnati.

All three are within 90 miles of each other. For coroners in the western part of the state, though, that means lost hours and higher costs.

Two weeks ago, Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Tracey Corey held a meeting with western Kentucky coroners to inform them that the Madisonville office would be closing for good as of July 1.

Since Schluckebier departed, the office has been staffed by a receptionist and an autopsy technician, but a medical examiner is required to perform an autopsy, Trafford said Monday.

The state's search for a replacement for Schluckbier apparently came up empty, he added.

"They've been looking, but they were unable to locate anybody. So I guess they're thinking if they can't locate anybody, they'll just close it."

One reason may be the pay, he noted.

"It's hard to get anybody for that position because Kentucky doesn't pay what surrounding states pay," he said.

"They just can't get anybody. And as far as the U.S., there's not that many medical examiners."

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feeling connected

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Kathy Rogers (top) leads a group of servicemembers, veterans and their families through series of beginner yoga movements Wednesday during a yoga class at Murray State University's Hopkinsville campus.

Yoga class helps servicemembers relax

BY MONICA K. SMITH
NEW ERA COMMUNITY EDITOR

The Connected Warriors Program kick started its yoga classes with 15 attendees Wednesday night at Murray State University's Hopkinsville Campus.

The hour-long program is free to servicemembers, veterans and their families and is designed to help those who live in stressful environments find an avenue to relax.

"Yoga offers a way for servicemembers to release any unwanted thoughts or feelings and to recall the parts of them untouched by trauma," said Lisa Zaehringer, a yoga instructor, Army veteran and an Army spouse.

Zaehringer explained the techniques and movements of yoga elicit organic

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LOCAL BRIEFS

HCC to participate in college bus tour

Hopkinsville Community College will be one of five community and technical colleges to participate in the White House's "Community College to Career" bus tour organized by U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Sollis and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden.

The Kentucky stop will be at 8:15 a.m. today at the Leestown campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington. Students from HCC will be at the stop.

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Ky. bill pushing childhood reading passes House

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT
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A bill promoting early childhood reading in Kentucky through the distribution of books passed the state House Education Committee Wednesday.

House Bill 391 would create the Books for Brains program, with a focus of putting books in children's hands monthly from birth to 5 years old. A private nonprofit organization, modeled after Dolly Parton's Imagination

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Judge dismisses case against man accused of rape

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT
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The case against a Hopkinsville man accused of raping two women in 2010 was dismissed Wednesday when the prosecution was unable to locate the victims.

Anthony A. Taylor, 26, of Kirkman Square, had an original trial date set for October. However, a judge postponed the trial when the prosecution could not locate the two women whom Taylor allegedly raped. On Wednesday, with attorneys still unable to find the women, a judge dismissed the case, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathi Adams.

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ACCIDENT

Teenager in hospital after wreck on bypass

A Herndon teenager was hospitalized Tuesday afternoon after a two-car wreck on Eagle Way, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

Tabitha Nixon, 18, was driving west on the bypass when she pulled in front of a Ford Taurus as she attempted to make a left turn into the parking lot of Heritage Christian Academy, according to the report.

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CRIME

Tools, jewelry reported stolen in Herndon

A Herndon woman reported more than $1,100 in items were stolen from her property between August and December, according to a Christian County Sheriff's Department report.

Diane Stevenson told deputies Sunday that someone took a pearl necklace, vacuum, two-story birdcage, power saw and an axle pull from her property on Bennettstown Street.

A suspect is listed in the report.

— From New Era staff reports

Buddhist monk visits community college for third year

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
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Speaking at colleges around the U.S., Buddhist monk Tsering Phuntsok tends to learn as much as he teaches.

"I don't know much English, so it is good to learn," Phuntsok said with a laugh. "I learn a lot from all these cultures."

Phuntsok lives in Dharamsala, India, only a few minutes walking distance from the home of the Dalai Lama. He is friends with Dr. Ken Casey, a religion professor at Hopkinsville Community College, and has visited the college the past three years. On Tuesday, Phuntsok gave a presentation on tenets of Buddhism in the college's Auditorium Building.

Over his hour-long presentation, Phuntsok spoke about aspects of Buddhist teaching, shared a few Buddhist chants and demonstrated different methods of meditation. When the presentation ended, he spoke and had his photo taken with many audience members, some of whom asked Phuntsok for advice on their lives.

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Tsering Phuntsok speaks to a crowd Tuesday at Hopkinsville Community College. Phuntsok, a Buddhist monk from Dharamsala, India, has spoken at HCC the past three years.

Phuntsok said he often hears requests like this during his college visits.

"I always tell them about calming their mind," he said. "To be a good-hearted person. Give love to yourself and cheer to others."

Casey met Phuntsok while on sabbatical in India in February 2009. He stayed with Phuntsok for a month during his visit. Casey helped organize Phuntsok's first trip to the U.S. in 2010.

Phuntsok has been in the U.S. since Feb. 7 and will depart in early May. He will be in Hopkinsville until early March when he will travel to New Orleans where he works with students at Tulane University and Loyola University. He will also visit schools in New York and

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HISTORY: US, Cuba divergence

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present. For them, it wasn't just a change that happened in 1959, when Fidel Castro and his rebel army took control of the country from the Batista dictatorship.

My frame was skewed entirely around 1962, the year I was born and the year the United States and Cuba might have been at the brink of war over Soviet nuclear missiles pointed from Cuba to the U.S.

Before I met Cubans, I understood the Revolution only as a violent event in the past. Done.

Most of the Cubans I met — teachers, ministers, artists, doctors, athletes, even a member of the parliament — had a respect for the Revolution. They talked often about the success of the educational and medical programs. Nearly 100 percent of Cubans are literate. The country's infant mortality rate is less than 5 per 1,000 births, a physician at a children's hospital told us. Cubans weren't afraid, though, to tell us what didn't work or how things need to change.

We could spend days talking about the Cuban government and Fidel Castro. Again, my frame was stuck in 1962. Isn't he the guy that wanted to blow us away?

It's hard for me to accept that they don't have a free press. There are two forms of currency in Cuba, and the average Cuban receives little value for his or her pesos. Cubans deal with all sorts of economic inequalities despite the goal of a secure life for everyone. Holes in the sidewalks are large enough to swallow small children. A hot shower is a treat even in a nice hotel. Forget about finding toilet paper in a public restroom. Prepare to choke on the exhaust from an old truck during your morning walk through Havana. And accept that beans, rice and chicken will be served at most meals. You might have heard that all of the food in Cuba is wonderful. It isn't. As one member of our group joked at meal after meal, the same darn chicken kept coming back to the buffet table no matter how hard we tried to put it away.

Many of the people on my trip, organized by Witness for Peace and the Latin American Working Group, wanted to learn how they can help lobby our country to end the trade embargo against Cuba. Although there are some limited humanitarian exemptions for medical supplies to enter Cuba from the U.S., there is strict control on what Cuba can receive. Mavis Anderson, a senior associate for LAWG in Washington, D.C., told me the embargo is responsible for many of Cuba's economic and infrastructural problems. Anderson maintains that the embargo continues because of the influence and the passion of Cuban-Americans in Florida who want the Castro regime overturned.

Opponents of the embargo believe it is unjust and does not address the reality of Cuba today. The country, just 90 miles from Florida, is not a military threat to the United States.

Eleven days in Cuba convinced me that we have no business stopping trade and travel between Cuba and the United States. There are dissidents in Cuba, but I don't believe most Cubans want their

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A woman walks in an area of Old Havana in January.

government overthrown.

Our translator for the week, Alberto Gonzales, told us about the hardships he and his family survived when the Soviet Union broke up and Cuba lost its main economic support. Cubans call it the "special period," when food and fuel shortages were severe in the mid-1990s. Gonzales, who now has college degrees in English and religion, said he suffered a mental breakdown trying to earn enough money as an English teacher to supplement his government food rations.

Despite the country's hardships, I never felt unsafe in Cuba. I saw few police officers and rarely heard a siren. The streets were packed with old cars, horse-drawn buggies, bicycles, buses and motorcycles.

Havana was eye-candy. The pastel, crumbling buildings of Spanish, French and Colonial architecture unfolded for blocks and blocks.

In restaurants, a cup of coffee is still an occasion to sit and enjoy. Almost everything is served in a dish rather than plastic. There is little advertising on the landscape. Children smile. They play soccer and stick ball in streets and alleys.

My hotel roommate and I had agreed there was never a reason to turn on the television in our room, so when I returned to the United States I saw TV news for the first time in 11 days. I was in a hotel room in the Miami airport. The Republican candidates for U.S. president were campaigning that day in Florida.

Mitt Romney announced his plan for Cuba if he is elected president. Speaking to a group in Miami, he said, "It is my expectation that Fidel Castro will finally be taken off this planet."

My planet is bigger now.

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FEES: Judge dismisses local lawsuit

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of dollars worth of fees, Foster said. Across the nation, the number totals about $2 billion, said Eric Schneiderman, attorney general of New York.

"That means the taxpayers lost money," Foster said. "The taxpayers own the government."

Last year, Christian and Washington counties partnered with a bankruptcy attorney in Lexington to sue MERS. They intended for all Kentucky counties to join the lawsuit later. They argued that according to Kentucky law, every transfer of a mortgage must be recorded in the county clerk's office within 30 days.

"To me it's a fairly simple case," Christian County Clerk Mike Kem told the New Era. "Kentucky law does not allow MERS to be in existence."

The lawsuit asked a judge to order the banks to pay all the fees they've avoided and start recording transactions through clerk's offices in the future.

The company argued the judge should dismiss the suit and cited six legal reasons: among them that Kentucky law doesn't grant county clerks the right to sue in a situation like this.

In an order he issued Tuesday, Federal Judge Joseph McKinley Jr. agreed with this argument. The laws surrounding records of mortgage transactions are meant to protect lienholders, prospective purchasers and creditors, and property owners. They don't protect county clerks' rights to collect transaction fees, McKinley said.

"Had the General Assembly wanted to allow county clerks to file lawsuits regarding recording fees, it certainly knew how to do so," the order reads.

Foster disagrees.

"It's sort of an odd opinion," he said. "Clearly the county clerk is the one that's being financially damaged."

He said Christian and Washington counties may ask the U.S. Court of Appeals to review this case. Otherwise, the county fiscal courts will likely file a new lawsuit against MERS. He considers Tuesday's dismissal "one battle in a prolonged legal war."

Implications debated

Since the filing of Christian County's lawsuit last year, authorities in at least seven other states — Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Arkansas and Michigan — filed similar lawsuits.

Tuesday afternoon, MERS issued a news release to announce McKinley's decision.

"This is a significant and precedent-setting decision for MERS," said Janis Smith, the company's spokeswoman. "The Court determined that county clerks lack standing to sue or collect damages from MERS."

Smith clarified her remark in a follow-up email on Wednesday evening. McKinley was the first judge to rule on the issue of who had a right to sue MERS, she said.

"The purpose of recording statutes in general is to establish the presence of a lien on real property and to protect the interests of the lienholder, owner and or prospective owner," her email reads.

But Stanley Bernstein, an attorney from New York City, said the laws differ too much from state to state for McKinley's ruling to have nationwide impact.

Bernstein's firm, Liebhard LLP, is suing MERS on behalf of counties in Ohio and Oklahoma. It will soon file a suit in Massachusetts, and the firm's attorneys are talking with many other states, Bernstein said.

In some states, the attorney general has authority to sue MERS, Bernstein said. In other states it's the county clerk offices or the county governments.

Bernstein wants to force the company to change its practices all over the country; he considers it a conspiracy between the country's largest banks to deprive counties of recording fees.

But it will mean fighting a different legal battle in every state, he said.

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GAMBLING: Sen. Pendleton says voters should decide

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killing gambling proposals in the past, he explained.

"The people have had their say," Westerfield said. "The bottom line is that expanded gambling is bad for families, nonprofits and the hungry mouths."

Westerfield agrees with proponents of the measure who say gambling could provide additional revenue for the state. He questions the cost of that revenue and said gambling generally hurts those who can least afford it.

Acknowledging surrounding states that allow gambling profit from Kentucky patrons, Westerfield said attempting to harness that revenue in Kentucky would only open the door to more problems. If the state wants to find more revenue, it needs to look at restructuring some programs already in existence, Westerfield said.

"The social support services this state offers are woefully abused," Westerfield said, pointing to people he's seen go through court with new clothes or cellphones while still receiving welfare.

Pendleton questioned why Westerfield "doesn't trust the people" enough to let them vote on a gambling amendment. He also pointed to Republicans in state government, including the bill's primary sponsor Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, who favor the measure.

Westerfield denounced Thayer, saying he's trying to circumvent ethical issues with the measure and the senator stands to gain financially from expanded gambling in the state.

"If they really want the people to decide … then they better talk about both sides," Westerfield added, referencing potential benefits or detriments from expanded gambling.

Pendleton agreed that people should know about the positives and negatives of more gambling. However, counties that border states that provide gambling already see the issues firsthand, he argued.

"We already have the woes. We're just not getting the money," Pendleton said.

The bill still faces serious hurdles, Pendleton said, as it heads to the Republican-controlled Senate. However, he said he was encouraged by the 7-4 committee vote, because more Republicans supported the bill than he expected.

"I keep hearing they've got the votes to get it passed," Pendleton said.

He thought the measure could come before the full Senate as soon as Friday.

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CUBA: How to get in legally

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dictatorship and the start of the Revolution. Businesses and property were nationalized under the new Cuban government and many Cubans fled to the United States. Tensions between the two countries worsened with the 1961 U.S.-sponsored Bay of Pigs attempted invasion by Cuban exiles and with the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

President Jimmy Carter lifted the travel restrictions in 1977. Travel restrictions were re-imposed by Ronald Reagan in 1982 and then written into law in 1996. This means Congress must enact new legislation to end the travel restrictions and trade embargo. The president has some leeway to ease or tighten the travel restrictions.

It is illegal for citizens and residents of the United States to travel to Cuba (except in special defined categories), even if they travel through another country.

During President George W. Bush's administration, Cuban-Americans could travel to Cuba to visit family only once every three years. President Barack Obama eased some of the travel restrictions. Cuban-Americans can travel as often as they like to visit family. Special categories of travel also are allowed, such as a people-to-people license for study.

The Latin American Working Group has information about travel licenses on its website at www.lawg.org.

The U.S. Department of Treasury also has information about travel regulations for people going from the United States to Cuba and a lengthy page on frequently asked questions. The website is at www.treasury.gov/services/Pages/Cuba-Travel-Licenses.aspx.

Sources: The Latin American Working Group, U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Principal leader class deserving of support

OUR OPINION

One way to foster high achieving public schools here and across Kentucky is to provide executive training to the principals who oversee some of our most important local institutions.

That's why this newspaper is a financial supporter of the Kentucky Leadership Institute for School Principals. Other local businesses have joined the effort and more are considering a contribution that will help send Christian County principals to the leadership training program.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Foundation organized a partnership with one of the nation's leading executive training programs to create the specialized program for principals. The goal is to develop leaders in education. The state chamber foundation says Kentucky businesses can have a direct impact on education, principals and students through this program. We agree.

Last year, 47 principals went to the institute, which included a three-day retreat in Greensboro, N.C., and four days of training at the state chamber offices in Frankfort. Supporters hope to offer the program to all new principals in public and private schools for the next five years. Seven days of institute training, plus follow-up with a personal coach, cost $9,000 for each participant. So far, local businesses have pledged $15,000 annually for five years.

Several local business leaders attended a meeting at the New Era's offices this week to learn about the leadership program for principals and how they can contribute. Trigg County Middle School Principal Kristi Miller, who was one of three Western Kentucky principals selected for the institute last year, spoke to the group. In addition to the New Era, other businesses that are financial supporters of the effort for Christian County principals are Planters Bank, Propulsys, Higgins Insurance, Rogers Group and Cayce Mill Supply. At the state level, US Bank is a contributor.

We encourage financial support of the leadership institute for principals. Learn more by visiting the website www.principalsleadky.com or by contacting New Era Publisher Taylor Wood Hayes at twhayes@kentuckynewera.com.

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COLUMNIST

Problem of in-school dropouts

Kentucky is considering a law to make education compulsory until the age of 18 and I am sure that the sponsors are all well intentioned. Unless they can tie continued high school attendance for a dropout to an immediate and urgent goal such as a driver's license, I believe that such a law would be a detriment to education.

TOBY HIGHTOWER

I have seen quite a few students arrive at age 16 without being able to read and then suddenly finding high motivation to learn this skill and become licensed to drive. Any law that the state makes is likely to be second guessed by the courts and gutted of all coercion. Following are some other concerns that I have about the proposed law.

In the first place, the sponsors presume that a dropout is better off in school than on the streets but I challenge that belief as an unwarranted assumption. The in-school dropout is unmotivated by definition and he will very likely develop a prisoner attitude that leads him to hate the school and be a greater disrupter than before he dropped out.

I suspect from a great deal of experience that forcing a 17-year-old to go to school against his will is an almost sure formula for anti-social behavior that impedes the learning of classmates. Undisciplined students are and always have been a major impediment to a learning climate. The unmotivated students can choose to be tardy, absent, or they can cut classes and put the school into a position of ignoring his laxity or going after him with strong coercion, both of which are losing games.

We seem to have a fixation on the discredited assumption that we can measure achievement by the number of years of attendance in school. To some extent we can, but a high school diploma is no longer an assurance that a student can even read. The in-school dropout is subject to a clear definition. I have seen boys who stayed in school for no discernable reason other than to play sports and if they behave themselves, this may be a weak but justifiable reason. School is a teenager milieu and some students come to school with a zero interest in structured learning but a high interest in being with their peers. School is of little benefit to such students, but the school must degrade its standards to tolerate them in this mode.

A dysfunctional classroom can very often be traced to one or two disruptive students and a forced attendee is a high risk for disruption. If we have not captured the interest of a student by age 16, we would be fighting a war that we have already lost. I do not mean that we have lost the person as he or she may do well outside of school, but it is pretty clear that more of the same losing formula is not a likely way to make him or her into a good citizen. We have very poor success in making 16-year-olds go to school against their will even under the existing compulsory law.

Even a 16-year-old who wishes to be out of school can achieve his goal by becoming an intolerable disruption and the least intelligent 17-year-old would be able to see this possibility for being expelled. Unless you put a hold on expulsions, the law would have an escape mechanism that would render it pretty much null. If we cannot coax a student into more years of school, we have very little chance of forcing it.

To give the law any teeth, we would have to outlaw expulsions.

We could make taking a weapon or threatening a terrorist act a jail offense, but we are not likely to go in that direction.

I have met very few school teachers who would deny that discipline is a major problem in our schools. I see little hope that we can coerce a 17-year-old to learn against his will and in the face of low motivation, and I see great danger in forcing an unmotivated near-adult to attend against his will. In my 27 years as a school administrator, I tried unceasingly to persuade all students to finish high school. I want more students to finish school but I have not even touched upon many reasons that I believe this plan will create havoc unless it can be tied to something like a driver's license.

I see the enactment of this law as an almost certain plan to further reduce the quality of education in our schools.

I concede that research shows the human brain is not fully developed at age 18 and this suggests parental and societal control of children to a later age than we now generally consider practical.

Emancipated teenagers and controlled behavior for them at the same time seems an unworkable contradiction under present laws and social mores. If we were to return to an idea of parental or societal sovereignty over teenagers until age 18, compulsory attendance until that age would make much more sense. A law which carries no coercive consequence or penalty for failure to comply probably undermines the basic concept of law, and I doubt if we have the steel in our system to enforce such a law to any meaningful extent even if it is passed. We might better start with an attempt to enforce our present truancy laws.

Please remember, dear readers, that I am past 91 and factor that into my attempts at clear reasoning. Check with a few teenagers before you made a judgment on what I have written.

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COLUMNIST

Who's picking the nominees?

The fight between Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum doesn't just raise questions about each man's strengths and weaknesses. It also raises, as fundamentally as any battle in recent decades, the question of who, ultimately, is in charge of picking the nominee.

Is it the party elite: the elected officials, the strategists and the smart money, the people who used to huddle in smoke-filled rooms, at least in our collective imagination?

Or is it the grassroots activists: the small minority of Americans who go to caucuses and stay, who not only vote in primaries and run for delegate but spend countless hours knocking on doors and making phone calls?

Romney is the smart money candidate, the strategists' choice, the guy most Republicans would like to run in 2012. Even with the desertion of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Romney has the endorsements, the party leaders, the money, the organization and the big super PAC.

Santorum is the leader of the ragtag crowd of true believers: activists, tea party types, the 99 percent crew that doesn't donate big bucks but is willing to stay until the last vote is counted in a caucus.

The nomination of George McGovern in 1972 posed this question in spades for Democrats. Actually, it was probably Hubert Humphrey's nomination — with activists at war with the police outside the halls of the Democratic Convention — that began the reform movement in earnest. In its earliest stage (when, ironically, McGovern chaired the Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection), the goal was to bring the activists back into the hall, to democratize the process, to ensure that insurgent candidates had a chance to take on establishment candidates.

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After McGovern was nominated, the battles accelerated. The newly empowered reformers wanted to expand reform to include getting rid of "bloc voting" (winner take all) in favor of systems of proportionate representation, ensuring representation of women and non-whites at the convention and pushing for every state to have a democratic selection process. Labor and elected officials started boycotting the convention and complaining that the reformers (a.k.a. radicals, women, gays, blacks, Hispanics, Asian Pacific Americans, Democrats Abroad, all of whom were organized into caucuses) were nominating candidates who couldn't win, even if the candidate they nominated in 1976, Jimmy Carter, did win.

After the election in 1980, the mood concerning reform commissions changed. In 1982, the Democrats created a new class of uncommitted delegates (not equally divided between men and women) selected because they were "Party Leaders and Elected Officials" (read: politicians, labor, state party chairs and national committee members), what I, in one of my great naming moments (on par with "nuts and sluts"), first called "superdelegates."

The Democratic Leadership Council (a.k.a. the "white boys caucus") was founded with the stated goal of giving more conservative southern states a bigger say in the process by all holding their primaries on Super Tuesday (which, in the world of unintended consequences, helped Jesse Jackson more than anyone else). But the effort was on to select electable candidates.

The Republicans never went as far down the reform road as the Democrats (for instance, they kept winner take all) But by the 1992 convention, it was clear that the activists had figured out how to take control of even the more antiquated methods of delegate selection. They showed up en masse at the county and state committee meetings, ran slates of delegates, and pushed the platform so far rightward that no less a conservative than Ronald Reagan took to the podium to argue for tolerance.

So who's in charge now?

For the past few weeks, anyway, it's been the activists. But the establishment may be coming back, pounding home the message that a vote for Santorum is a vote for Barack Obama. The insiders aren't just biting their nails. They're doing everything they can — and that's a lot — to send the message, beginning in Michigan, that Romney is still the likely nominee, and the more contests he gets pounded in, and the more speeches he gives about liking the trees in Michigan, the weaker he'll be.

Unlike his face-off with Newt Gingrich in Florida, Santorum (with less obvious baggage than Gingrich) is making Romney look smaller. He can only shrink so much before his chances of beating Obama shrink with him. That may be the reason why recent polls show the gap narrowing in Michigan. Supporting Santorum is, I have no doubt, a whole lot more fun than supporting Romney. But if the fun ends in November, it won't look that way in retrospect.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, Feb. 23**, the 54th day of 2012. There are 312 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in Germany.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1970, Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

In 1992, the XVI Winter Olympic Games ended in Albertville, France.

Ten years ago: Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt was kidnapped by a rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. (She was rescued along with 14 other hostages in July 2008.) Penn State pole vaulter Kevin Dare, 19, died after landing on his head during the Big Ten indoor championships in Minneapolis.

Five years ago: A Mississippi grand jury refused to bring any new charges in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, a black teenager who was beaten and shot after whistling at a white woman, declining to indict the woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, for manslaughter. Democrat Tom Vilsack abandoned his bid for the presidency. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport became the first in the United States to begin testing new X-ray screening technology that could see through people's clothes. Forty-six countries attending a conference in Oslo, Norway, agreed to push for a global treaty banning cluster bombs.

One year ago: In a major policy reversal, the Obama administration said it would no longer defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, a federal law banning recognition of same-sex marriage.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: Caldwell coroner protests closure

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Salaries for the state's other current medical examiners range between about $97,000 and about $144,600, according to Kentucky Personnel Cabinet statistics.

Seven medical examiners, in addition to Corey, are listed in state payroll records.

To become a medical examiner, one must obtain a medical degree and follow up with postgraduate training in forensic pathology.

The lack of a medical examiner in the Madisonville office is causing a hardship for every coroner in western Kentucky, Trafford said.

"It's not fair to this end of the state for us to have to go all the way to Louisville for an autopsy," he said.

"Hopefully, if all western Kentucky as a whole will get together and voice their concerns and opinions, the state will listen and keep this office open down here."

When the office was open, Trafford could drive a body over in a half-hour, wait an hour for the autopsy and drive back in another half-hour.

That amount of time now equals a one-way trip to the Louisville office.

If the case is a possible homicide, suicide, or a case where the cause of death is undetermined, the coroner or a law enforcement unit must attend the autopsy itself to preserve the chain of custody for evidence.

Trafford said he has a current arrangement with Morgan's Funeral Home, where funeral home staff transport the body to Louisville.

The funeral home then submits a bill to the county fiscal court for mileage one-way and the driver's pay.

The extra time and cost required therefore poses hardships not only for the coroner's office, but also law enforcement agencies and the families of the deceased, Trafford said.

Jail costs may also increase, since defendants may be incarcerated for longer periods awaiting court hearings.

Normally, the coroner's office transports between 10 and 12 bodies for autopsy each year.

"Even with that small a number, it's going to be pretty costly," said Trafford.

The coroner plans to address the county fiscal court Tuesday to ask for a resolution opposing the closure of the Madisonville office.

"I would think at least two days a week, they could have somebody come to this Madisonville office until they get somebody hired," he said.

"There's got to be something that can get this problem taken care of. Right now, we're sort of in a mess."

STORY BY Jared Nelson, of The Times Leader in Princeton.

CHILDHOOD: Reading bill passes Ky. House

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Library, would select and mail the books to participating counties, according to the news release.

The bill's main sponsor is Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville. Tilley said the program will help prepare children for kindergarten and first grade.

"I think it is abundantly clear that a book-rich environment is good for a child," Tilley said. "We know that the affirmative is true and the opposite is true as well."

Funding for the program will potentially come from sponsoring organizations in each community. In addition, a trust fund, consisting of grant money, donations, public and private funds and state appropriations, will be set up to help aid the program, the release states.

The bill is aimed at setting up a framework for interested communities to work within, Tilley said.

Further, a state board will be created to assist local partners with fundraising, grant writing, public relations and other support, according to the proposed legislation.

The board will consist of at least one county judge-executive, one Head Start director, one public librarian and four other childhood advocates.

Tilley said he hopes to see the program stretch into all 120 state counties.

Trigg County incorporated the program in 2008, and since then, more than 23,000 books have been delivered to children at an average cost of $2 a book, according to the news release. The bill originated through Tilley's conversations with those in Trigg County associated with the program

Trigg County pays for the program entirely through private funding, the release states.

The bill now goes to the full House floor for consideration.

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BRIEFS: HCC to participate in college bus tour

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The bus tour highlights innovative industry partnerships. Participants will share their stories on how partnerships between colleges and businesses have changed their lives.

The tour began Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio, and will end Friday in Greensboro, N.C.

Church to host choir performance

The Muskingum College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 2 at First Presbyterian Church, Hopkinsville.

The choir presents a mix of sacred and secular music spanning the Renaissance to the present. The performance is part of the choir's spring tour, which will also take it through Nashville and Cincinnati before they return to the university in New Concord, Ohio.

The church is at 303 E. Ninth St. Admission to the show is free.

Sturdivant to launch campaign today

Local teacher Max Sturdivant Jr. will officially announce his candidacy for state representative today, according to a news release.

Sturdivant plans to start his campaign with a speech around 3:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Christian County Justice Center, the release states.

A Bible teacher at Heritage Christian Academy, Sturdivant has filed as the Republican challenger to Democratic incumbent Rep. John Tilley for the 8th Congressional District seat.

"It's time for change in Frankfort, replacing liberals in the state House with a conservative voice and vision," Sturdivant said in the release.

Sturdivant will outline the pillars of his campaign and unveil his campaign website during the announcement, according to the release.

Bank of America can help with mortgages

Any Bank of America customers who are struggling to pay their mortgages can meet with company representatives face-to-face in Nashville, Tenn., later this week and find out whether they qualify for loan modifications.

The event lasts this morning to Saturday evening at the Gaylord Opryland hotel. The bank will have housing counselors on site to help customers with budgeting, according to a company news release.

The bank asks people to register in advance. Appointments are available from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each of the four days, according to the release.

Customers can reach the company via phone, said April Deocariza, a company spokeswoman. This event's purpose is to give customers more direct access to mortgage specialists.

Visit www.bankofamerica.com/homeownerevent or call 855-201-7426 to register. The website contains a list of documents to bring.

Lake Barkley to host Johnny Cash tribute

Lake Barkley State Resort Park will host a tribute to Johnny Cash.

Ralph Curtis and the Tennessee Three will perform from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 10. There will also be a dinner offered.

The band will perform some of Cash's most well-known songs, including "I Walk the Line," "Folsom Prison Blues" and "A Boy Named Sue."

Tickets are $35 per person. For reservations, call 800-325-1708.

HCA offering assembly on school safety

Heritage Christian Academy will have an assembly Friday with Sgt. Scott Harvey of the Kentucky Center for School Safety.

Harvey's program, which he has presented at schools throughout Kentucky, will focus on bullying. It will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Witty Lane closed three to six weeks

Christian County Road Department crews will be making repairs that will result in the closing of Witty Lane.

The road will remain closed three to six weeks. The closing is needed for the removal of pipes and installation of a box culvert.

The area of work will be just off Kentucky 109 (Dawson Springs Road) for 500 feet.

Motorists can access Witty Lane off of Kentucky 91 only.

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Canton, KY
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Labor leader Wells dies in house fire

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky labor leader Charles Wells has died in a house fire in central Kentucky. He was 52.

The fire began about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in one room of Wells' Georgetown home, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

Scott County Coroner John Goble said foul play isn't suspected.

Gov. Steve Beshear appointed Wells in 2008 as special assistant in the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet as a liaison between the state and labor groups representing its employees.

"A lifelong public servant to the Commonwealth, Charles was a fierce defender and protector of Kentucky workers," Personnel Secretary Tim Longmeyer said in a statement. "... He was a compassionate colleague and friend to me and many others throughout his accomplished career."

Wells had previously been director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees and the American Federation of Teachers.

COURT: Judge dismisses the case against rape defendant

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In April of 2010, Taylor allegedly broke into a home and sodomized a woman while she slept, according to court records. The woman reportedly woke up and either fought Taylor or told him to stop before he ran away.

Detectives did not connect Taylor to the April incident until July when another woman said she gave Taylor a ride home from a social gathering. After playing cards, the woman tried leaving, but her car wouldn't start. When she went inside to use Taylor's cellphone, he allegedly restrained her in his bedroom. She said Taylor refused to let her leave for six to eight hours and raped her repeatedly during that time.

She reportedly escaped and identified Taylor to police. He was later arrested at his home.

Taylor was charged with burglary, sodomy, kidnapping and rape.

He was sent to a state psychiatric facility in LaGrange in June for a mental examination. In July, a judge ruled that Taylor was competent to stand trial.

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ACCIDENT: Teenager in hospital after crash

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The Taurus hit Nixon's Toyota on the right side and sent both vehicles into a spin. The Toyota tipped over and came to rest on the driver's side, knocking Nixon unconscious, police said.

The driver of the Ford, James S. Burke, 60, said a truck may have obstructed Nixon's view of the road, according to the report.

Nixon was taken to Jennie Stuart Medical Center for chest injuries. Nobody else was injured in the crash. She was treated and released, according to a hospital spokesman.

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Thu 2/23	Fri 2/24	Sat 2/25	Sun 2/26	Mon 2/27
71/42	50/31	47/28	58/45	54/33
Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	Few showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 6:28 AM Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 6:27 AM Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 6:25 AM Sunset 5:39 PM	Sunrise 6:24 AM Sunset 5:40 PM	Sunrise 6:23 AM Sunset 5:41 PM

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Kentucky At A Glance

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	66	46	rain	Glasgow	71	43	t-storm	Murray	72	44	t-storm
Bowling Green	73	45	t-storm	Hopkinsville	71	42	t-storm	Nashville, TN	72	47	t-storm
Cincinnati, OH	63	45	t-storm	Knoxville, TN	70	51	pt sunny	Owensboro	70	40	t-storm
Corbin	69	45	pt sunny	Lexington	66	43	t-storm	Paducah	70	42	t-storm
Covington	61	43	t-storm	Louisville	68	46	t-storm	Pikeville	70	52	pt sunny
Cynthiana	64	42	t-storm	Madisonville	71	42	t-storm	Prestonsburg	67	46	pt sunny
Danville	67	44	pt sunny	Mayfield	73	43	t-storm	Richmond	66	45	pt sunny
Elizabethtown	68	43	t-storm	Middlesboro	71	49	pt sunny	Russell Springs	70	44	t-storm
Evansville, IN	67	41	t-storm	Morehead	65	43	t-storm	Somerset	68	45	pt sunny
Frankfort	66	44	t-storm	Mount Vernon	67	44	pt sunny	Winchester	66	45	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	73	58	pt sunny	Houston	77	58	cloudy	Phoenix	76	49	sunny
Boston	54	36	rain	Los Angeles	74	51	sunny	San Francisco	69	47	sunny
Chicago	47	32	rain	Miami	86	67	mst sunny	Seattle	48	38	sunny
Dallas	79	43	mst sunny	Minneapolis	39	25	sn shower	St. Louis	58	39	rain
Denver	36	21	sn shower	New York	56	46	pt sunny	Washington, DC	68	52	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 21	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15

UV Index

Thu 2/23	Fri 2/24	Sat 2/25	Sun 2/26	Mon 2/27
4	4	5	5	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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YOGA: Class helps servicemembers relax, be stress-free

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relaxation responses which can help those participating to become less stressed.

"We all know the military is demanding, that is the cost for protecting freedoms, and sometimes you have a whirlwind of a life," Zaehringer said. "Yoga can help counterbalance it."

The class takes places each Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Murray State University's Hopkinsville campus, 5305 Fort Campbell Blvd. Those who are not servicemembers, veterans or family members can still participate in the program with a $5 donation.

For more information email cwyoga.ftky@gmail.com or visit www.theconnectedwarriors.org.

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MONK: Man visits HCC for third year

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Washington, D.C., during his visit.

Casey is leading a trip, which will include eight HCC faculty members and students, to Dharamsala in June. During the trip, Phuntsok plans on introducing participants to the culture and religion of the region.

Phuntsok has spoken at colleges around Kentucky during his stay. Casey said they often use his trips as fundraisers for his needs in India. During his 2010 visit, they raised money to build a water purification system in his monastery. Casey is currently raising money to construct a house for Phuntsok's arthritic sister.

"He's got to support his nieces and nephews," Casey said. "People who have needs seem to find him and he tries to help them out."

Phuntsok has also visited each of Casey's religion classes during his stay. Casey said meeting Phuntsok often gives his students a different perspective on the material they are studying.

"When you hear it from me, it's like you're getting it secondhand," he said. "I try to explain it as best I can, but somehow seeing the person there is better education. We can learn a lot from that other perspective."

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Syracuse holds off South Florida

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Earnhardt confident this week at Daytona

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HCCYL sign-ups lagging for 2012

BY JOE WILSON
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

Hopkinsville-Christian County Youth League President David Blane says he sign-ups for the spring baseball and softball season at the Kenny Litchfield Youth Complex could be an all-time low in 2012.

Blane, who is in his second year as president of the local youth league, said Wednesday afternoon that sign-ups, which end Saturday, are lagging behind last year.

"It's always slow at this time, but our numbers have steadily gone down since 2000 when the (YMCA) opened," Blane said. "We have to compete with spring soccer, flag football, karate at the Y, the Boys and Girls Club is starting a (football) passing league and then we also have to compete with Courttime Volleyball. I'm OK with that, but we have to figure out a way to do better."

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David Blane
HCCYL President

Blane, who also thought travel teams may be responsible for the league's decrease, said figures indicate that more than 1,000

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A tarp covers Field 1 at the Kenny Litchfield Youth Complex Wednesday afternoon in Hopkinsville. Hopkinsville-Christian County Youth League President David Blane hopes for a big increase in sign-ups for the 2012 season in the final days of the spring registration.

Aska happy with decision to attend Murray State

MURRAY, Ky. — The first name that comes to mind when you think of Murray State basketball is Isaiah Canaan. And rightfully so.

The junior guard has led the 14th-ranked Racers (26-1, 13-1 Ohio Valley Conference) to their best start in program history, while cementing himself as one of the top mid-major players in the country.

But behind Canaan are three seniors who have formed the foundation of Murray State's recent success.

Following the Racers' 65-51 win over Saint Mary's Saturday in the team's home finale, Ivan Aska, Donte Poole and Jewaun Long, who make up the winningest class in team history, were honored with a video tribute featuring highlights of their respective careers and words from former Murray State coach Billy Kennedy, who is now the head coach at Texas A&M. Of the record 8,825 fans that packed the CFSB Center, more than 6,000 stayed in their seats after the game to join in the celebration.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

KEITH JENKINS

While he watched, the 6-foot-7, 230-pound Aska couldn't help but to get emotional as he reflected on his tenure in a place the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native had never heard of before making the trip to western Kentucky.

"That tribute was wonderful," Aska said. "Just by being here with the team and having a good time. They told us they were going to send us out with a bang. It's very emotional. I'm going to miss Murray State. The crazy part about it, I never heard of Murray State before. All of the years I've been here, the coaching staff was phenomenal. Everybody was true to their word ever since I got here."

As good as Canaan has been for the Racers, Aska made just as big a splash when he walked onto the Murray State campus in 2008.

Canaan was named the OVC Freshman of the Year following the 2009-10 season. Aska earned the same honor the previous year after averaging 10.3 points and a team-high 5.8 rebounds per game. The two have grown to form an inside-outside combination that has the Racers looking to be the next mid-major program to crash the party at the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

Murray State was the last team in Division I this season to suffer a loss, hosted a record six straight sellouts, posted the highest ranking in school history, notched its 25th straight winning season and clinched its third consecutive regular-season OVC championship.

As historic as this year has been, Aska, who is averaging 10 points and 6.3 rebounds per game, never envisioned this.

"It's been very special," Aska said. "Starting the season off, I didn't know we were going to be like this — ranked, winning all these games. But every day, we

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ACC files complaint with SEC against Vanderbilt

BY TERESA M. WALKER
AP SPORTS WRITER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt officials say the Atlantic Coast Conference has filed a formal complaint for one of its members with the Southeastern Conference involving the Commodores' football team.

Vice chancellor David Williams said in a statement Wednesday that the SEC informed Vanderbilt of the complaint.

Williams

"We are complying with SEC and Vanderbilt procedures and are conducting an investigation on the matter," Williams said.

The SEC declined comment, and the ACC did not respond to a request for a response.

Franklin

Maryland coach Randy Edsall gave unconditional releases Wednesday to three players, including quarterback Danny O'Brien, after originally trying to block any transfer to a handful of schools including Vanderbilt. The Commodores hired James Franklin as head coach in December 2010 away from Maryland where he had been coach in waiting to Ralph Friedgen.

Franklin led Vandy to a 6-7 record his first season.

"While at first I thought it was important to limit the institutions to which they could transfer, I have since reconsidered my decision" Edsall said in a statement. "At the end of the day, I want what's best for these guys and I wish them well in their futures."

The other players released include offensive lineman Max Garcia and linebacker Mario Rowson.

O'Brien is on track to graduate in three years and will have two years of eligibility remaining.

KHSAA STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING MEET

NEW ERA FILE PHOTO

Hopkinsville High School's John Morgan Francis, shown in a meet last season, has qualified for the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events this weekend at the KHSAA State Swimming and Diving Meet in Louisville.

Making a splash

HHS swim teams readies for State

BY JOE WILSON
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

The Hopkinsville High School swim team will begin competition Friday at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Swimming and Diving Meet in Louisville.

Although their numbers are few, coach Keith Marquess said her swimmers are anticipating a successful two days in the University of Louisville pool.

"I'm excited," Marquess said. "They have worked very hard and they are very focused, especially the last few weeks."

The boys' team, which had not sent any swimmers to state in several years until last year, will send Grey Campbell and John Morgan Francis as individuals.

Campbell will compete in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. Francis will swim the 100- and 200-yard

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NEW ERA FILE PHOTO

Hopkinsville senior Nikki Shouse will swim the 100-yard breaststroke for the Lady Tigers this weekend at the KHSAA State Swimming and Diving Meet in Louisville.

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TODD CO. CENTRAL AT RUSSELLVILLE	7 P.M.
MADISONVILLE-N.H. AT CALDWELL CO.	6 P.M.

PREP
Boys' Basketball

LIVINGSTON CENTRAL AT LYON CO.	7 P.M.
MADISONVILLE-N.H. AT CALDWELL CO.	8 P.M.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MURRAY ST. AT TENNESSEE ST.	7:30 P.M.
AUSTIN PEAY UT-MARTIN	6 P.M.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ARKANSAS ST. AT WKU	7 P.M.
LOUISVILLE AT CINCINNATI	8 P.M.

TOP SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TENNESSEE	73
OLE MISS	60
NOTRE DAME	71
WEST VIRGINIA	44

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

VANDERBILT	59
SOUTH CAROLINA	48
LSU	61
GEORGIA	53

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Syracuse edges USF

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Scoop Jardine scored 15 points to help No. 2 Syracuse overcome a 13-point first-half deficit and beat South Florida 56-48 on Wednesday night.

Kris Joseph had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Orange (28-1, 15-1 Big East), who matched school records for most regular-season and conference victories — both set in 2009-10.

Anthony Collins scored 16 points for the Bulls, who endured a 12:33 stretch without a point spanning halftime. South Florida (17-11, 10-5) had a four-game winning streak snapped and dropped to 1-9 against Syracuse.

The game was decided in the final 5 minutes, with the Orange leading 47-46.

Jardine was fouled making a layup with 4:04 left. He completed the three-point play, and Joseph added two putbacks of his own misses to seal the win.

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Syracuse's C.J. Fair is fouled under the basket during the second half against South Florida Wednesday night in Syracuse, N.Y.

■**No. 4 Kansas 66, Texas A&M 58:** In College Station, Texas, Elijah Johnson scored 21 points and Tyshawn Taylor made key plays down the stretch to help No. 4 Kansas fight off a late run by Texas A&M Wednesday night.

Kansas (23-5, 13-2 Big 12) led by as many as 21 points in the second half before a big run by the Aggies got them within striking distance.

■**No. 6 Michigan St. 66, Minnesota 61:** In Minneapolis, Keith Appling and Brandon Wood both scored 13 points to key No. 6 Michigan State's 66-61 victory over Minnesota on Wednesday night, helping the Spartans keep their hold on first place in the Big Ten.

Draymond Green had 17 points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals for the Spartans (23-5, 12-3.

■**No. 19 Wichita St. 68, Illinois St. 55:** In Normal, Ill., Joe Ragland scored 14 points to lead No. 19 Wichita State to a 68-55 victory over Illinois State on Wednesday night to clinch the Missouri Valley Conference championship.

Ragland had four 3-pointers for the Shockers, who made 10 of 23 from beyond the arc.

■**No. 20 Notre Dame 71, West Virginia 44:** In South Bend, Ind., Jerian Grant scored 20 points and No. 20 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to nine games with a 71-44 rout of West Virginia on Wednesday night.

■**No. 22 Temple 80, La Salle 79, OT:** In Philadelphia, Ramone Moore scored five of his 18 points in overtime to help No. 22 Temple beat La Salle 80-79 on Wednesday night, the Owls' 11th straight win.

Khalif Wyatt scored 25 points and Michael Eric had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Temple (22-5, 11-2 Atlantic 10).

■**No. 23 Indiana 75, North Carolina Central 56:** In Bloomington, Ind., Cody Zeller had 17 points and seven rebounds and Victor Oladipo scored 16 points, leading No. 23 Indiana past North Carolina Central 75-56 on Wednesday night.

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Washington Wizards guard Jordan Crawford (left) talks to teammate John Wall during the second half of their game Wednesday night against the Sacramento Kings in Washington.

Lin, Knicks trounce Hawks

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeremy Lin had an easy night ahead of his toughest opponent yet, and the New York Knicks tuned up for their trip to Miami by beating the Atlanta Hawks 99-82 Wednesday night.

Lin had 17 points and nine assists, sitting out most of the fourth quarter in a rare game during his remarkable run that the Knicks needed little from him.

Carmelo Anthony scored 15 points in his second game back from injury for the Knicks, who led the depleted Hawks by 25 points at halftime. New York bounced back from a loss to New Jersey on Monday and won for the ninth time in 11 games since Lin joined the rotation.

Jeff Teague scored 16 points for the Hawks.

■**Thunder 119, Celtics 104:** In Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook scored 31 points, Kevin Durant added 28 and Oklahoma City beat Boston for its 11th straight win at home.

Kevin Garnett's return after a two-game absence wasn't enough to lift the Celtics.

Paul Pierce and Garnett scored 23 points apiece, and Garnett also had 13 rebounds after missing the previous two games for personal reasons. The Celtics lost their fifth straight.

Boston trailed by as many as 27 before pulling to 108-102 with 3:31 left. Durant banked in a pair of jumpers and hit two free throws during an 11-2 run that sealed it for Oklahoma City.

■**Pacers 102, Bobcats 88:** In Charlotte, N.C., Tyler Hansbrough had a season-high 22 points and nine rebounds as Indiana continued its dominance of Charlotte.

■**Magic 108, Nets 91:** In Newark, N.J., Dwight Howard had 20 points and 17 rebounds to help Orlando roll to victory against New Jersey.

Glen Davis, who hit his first seven shots, added 16 points for Orlando, which won for the eighth time in 11 games.

■**Raptors 103, Pistons 93:** In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 23 points, Aaron Gray set season highs with 12 points and 12 rebounds and Toronto beat Detroit to snap a three-game losing streak.

Greg Monroe had 30 points and 14 rebounds for the Pistons, Brandon Knight scored 16 and Tayshaun Prince had 14 as Detroit dropped to 3-14 on the road.

■**Hornets 89, Cavaliers 84:** In Cleveland, Chris Kaman scored 21 points, Marco Belinelli added 19 and New Orleans held off a late rallly to beat Cleveland.

■**Kings 115, Wizards 107:** In Washington, Marcus Thornton scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half, and rookie Isaiah Thomas had 16 of his 18 after halftime to lead Sacramento past Washington.

Tyreke Evans added 22 points — 20 in the first half — and DeMarcus Cousins had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Kings.

SCOREBOARD

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At A Glance
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	13	.606	—
New York	17	17	.500	3 1/2
Boston	15	17	.469	4 1/2
Toronto	10	23	.303	10
New Jersey	10	25	.286	11
Southeast	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	26	7	.788	—
Orlando	22	12	.647	4 1/2
Atlanta	19	14	.576	7
Washington	7	26	.212	19
Charlotte	4	28	.125	21 1/2
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	27	8	.771	—
Indiana	21	12	.636	5
Cleveland	13	18	.419	12
Milwaukee	13	20	.394	13
Detroit	11	24	.314	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	10	.697	—
Dallas	21	12	.636	2
Houston	19	14	.576	4
Memphis	19	15	.559	4 1/2
New Orleans	8	25	.242	15
Northwest	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	26	7	.788	—
Denver	18	15	.545	8
Portland	18	16	.529	8 1/2
Minnesota	16	17	.485	10
Utah	15	16	.484	10
Pacific	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Clippers	19	11	.633	—
L.A. Lakers	19	13	.594	1
Phoenix	14	19	.424	6 1/2
Golden State	12	17	.414	6 1/2
Sacramento	11	22	.333	9 1/2

Wednesday

Oklahoma City 119, Boston 104
Indiana 102, Charlotte 88
New Orleans 89, Cleveland 84
Toronto 103, Detroit 93
Sacramento 115, Washington 107
Orlando 108, New Jersey 91
New York 99, Atlanta 82
Chicago 110, Milwaukee 91
Philadelphia at Houston, Late
Utah at Minnesota, Late
Golden State at Phoenix, Late
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, Late
Denver at L.A. Clippers, Late

Thursday

New York at Miami, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's College Basketball
Major Scores

EAST

Boston U. 73, UMBC 52
Dayton 74, Duquesne 62
Delaware 76, Towson 69
Drexel 78, James Madison 61
Holy Cross 82, Army 51
Lafayette 84, Colgate 67
Lehigh 58, Navy 41
Maine 71, New Hampshire 58
Ohio 88, Buffalo 77
Richmond 52, Saint Joseph's 49
St. Bonaventure 89, Fordham 63
Syracuse 56, South Florida 48

SOUTH

Charlotte 72, George Washington 62
High Point 98, Campbell 60
Longwood 85, Virginia-Wise 74
Marshall 66, Houston 58
Nicholls St. 80, Cent. Arkansas 70
Tennessee 73, Mississippi 60
The Citadel 62, Appalachian St. 51
VCU 63, UNC Wilmington 59
Vanderbilt 59, South Carolina 48
William & Mary 75, Hofstra 71

MIDWEST

Butler 69, Ill.-Chicago 44
Creighton 93, Evansville 92, OT
Green Bay 71, Cleveland St. 67
Kansas St. 78, Missouri 68
Miami (Ohio) 62, Kent St. 60
Michigan 67, Northwestern 55, OT
Ohio St. 83, Illinois 67
Valparaiso 66, Loyola of Chicago 62, OT
Wilmington (Ohio) 76, Baldwin-Wallace 64

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 77, Oklahoma St. 64
Stephen F. Austin 62, Lamar 52

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 71, New Mexico 63

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EAST

Bucknell at American U., 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
Wagner at Bryant, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at CCSU, 6 p.m.
LIU at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (NY) at Monmouth (NJ), 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
Siena at Marist, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Georgia Southern at Coll. of Charleston, 6 p.m.
Elon at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Stetson at ETSU, 6 p.m.
South Alabama at FAU, 6 p.m.
Duke at Florida St., 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at Furman, 6 p.m.
Belmont at Kennesaw St., 6 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Liberty, 6 p.m.
Presbyterian at Radford, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at UNC Asheville, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at VMI, 6 p.m.
Samford at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at E. Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.
Troy at FIU, 6:30 p.m.
Lipscomb at Mercer, 6:30 p.m.
E. Illinois at Morehead St., 6:30 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at SC-Upstate, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas St. at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Louisiana-Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
Murray St. at Tennessee St., 7:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at UT-Martin, 7:30 p.m.
SE Missouri at Jacksonville St., 7:45 p.m.
San Jose St. at Louisiana Tech, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Detroit at Cleveland St., 6 p.m.
Wright St. at Youngstown St., 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Loyola of Chicago, 7 p.m.
IUPUI at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
W. Illinois at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
IPFW at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
Oakland at UMKC, 7:05 p.m.
Louisville at Cincinnati, 8 p.m.
Wisconsin at Iowa, 8 p.m.

SOUTHWEST

Alabama at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
North Texas at UALR, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Southern Cal at Arizona, TBA
UCLA at Arizona St., TBA
Stanford at Colorado, 8 p.m.
N. Arizona at Montana, 8 p.m.
Hawaii at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
California at Utah, 8 p.m.
E. Washington at Idaho St., 8:05 p.m.
Weber St. at N. Colorado, 8:05 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Utah Valley, 8:05 p.m.
Seattle at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
San Diego at Loyola Marymount, 9 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at Pacific, 9 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at Portland, 9 p.m.
Pepperdine at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.
Portland St. at Sacramento St., 9:35 p.m.
BYU at Gonzaga, 10 p.m.

LSU 61, GEORGIA 53
GEORGIA (12-15)

Thornton 2-5 0-0 5, D. Williams 3-6 1-1 7, Caldwell-Pope 4-12 0-0 10, Ware 1-8 0-0 2, Robinson 7-12 2-2 17, Dixon 0-0 0-0 0, V. Williams 0-0 1-2 1, Nolte 0-0 0-0 0, Brantley 0-2 0-0 0, Florveus 0-0 0-0 0, Cannon 2-4 0-0 4, Djurisic 3-7 1-2 7. **Totals** 22-56 5-7 53.

LSU (17-10)

O'Bryant III 5-10 4-6 14, Hamilton 1-5 5-6 7, **Hickey 1-4 0-0 2**, Stringer 6-12 2-2 18, Turner 1-4 5-6 8, Bass 0-0 1-4 1, White 2-2 1-6 5, Ludwig 0-0 0-0 0, Warren 3-7 0-0 6, Isaac 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 19-45 18-30 61.

Halftime—LSU 29-23. 3-Point Goals—Georgia 4-17 (Caldwell-Pope 2-6, Robinson 1-1, Thornton 1-1, Brantley 0-2, Ware 0-7), LSU 5-14 (Stringer 4-9, Turner 1-3, Hickey 0-2). Fouled Out—D. Williams. **Rebounds**—Georgia 30 (Robinson 6), LSU 36 (Hamilton 9). **Assists**—Georgia 4 (Caldwell-Pope, Djurisic, Robinson, Thornton 1), LSU 8 (Hickey, Stringer 2). Total Fouls—Georgia 23, LSU 10. **A**—9,612.

Wednesday's Women's Basketball Scores

EAST

Albany (NY) 69, Binghamton 37
American U. 62, Bucknell 59
Army 65, Holy Cross 62
Bloomsburg 78, East Stroudsburg 63
Boston U. 61, UMBC 56
Catholic 47, Scranton 40
Colgate 69, Lafayette 60
Gwynedd Mercy 82, Marywood 78, 2OT
Hartford 49, Stony Brook 42

SPORTS FORECAST

FRIDAY
High School Basketball
Hopkinsville vs. Christian Co., District 8 championship (G/B)
HCA in KCAA Region Tournament (G/B)
High School Swimming
State Meet
SATURDAY
High School Swimming
State Meet
College Basketball
Murray St. at Tennessee Tech, 7:30 p.m.
SEMO at Austin Peay, 7:30 p.m.
MTSU at Western Kentucky, 5 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Kentucky, 11 a.m.
SUNDAY
College Basketball
Louisville at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

Haverford 55, Ursinus 41
Kings (Pa.) 55, Eastern 53
La Salle 69, George Washington 47
Lehigh 57, Navy 48
Misericordia 62, DeSales 46
NY Tech 82, Queens (NY) 51
New Hampshire 65, Maine 53
St. Bonaventure 52, Fordham 45
Temple 75, Saint Joseph's 65
UMass 68, Rhode Island 57

SOUTH

Benedict 63, LeMoyne-Owen 51
Carson-Newman 68, Lincoln Memorial 62
Catawba 62, Mars Hill 60
Coppin St. 68, Morgan St. 62
FAU 41, South Alabama 40
Furman 72, Wofford 53
Lander 75, Augusta St. 68
Newberry 64, Brevard 59
Richmond 59, Duquesne 45
SC-Aiken 65, Francis Marion 63
Samford 58, Chattanooga 48
Tusculum 61, Lenoir-Rhyne 52, OT

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 73, N. Illinois 50
Dayton 83, Xavier 54
Ferris St. 61, Hillsdale 51
Kansas St. 53, Oklahoma St. 50
Kansas Wesleyan 65, McPherson 40
Miami (Ohio) 84, Akron 76
Ohio 60, Bowling Green 56
Seattle 81, Chicago St. 45
W. Michigan 67, Ball St. 65

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 93, Texas A&M Commerce 55
Angelo St. 70, Tarleton St. 63
Cent. Arkansas 67, Nicholls St. 47
McNeese St. 70, Texas-Arlington 50
Sam Houston St. 80, Northwestern St. 64
TCU 61, Air Force 31
Texas A&M-Kingsville 63, Texas Woman's 58
Texas St. 67, SE Louisiana 63
UALR 52, North Texas 39
UTSA 72, Texas A&M-CC 58

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George Mason at Delaware, 6 p.m.
William & Mary at Drexel, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Stetson at ETSU, 3:45 p.m.
Belmont at Kennesaw St., 3:45 p.m.
Lipscomb at Mercer, 4 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at S.C.-Upstate, 4 p.m.
E. Illinois at Morehead St., 4:15 p.m.
SIU Edwardsville at E. Kentucky, 4:30 p.m.
Troy at FIU, 4:30 p.m.
SE Missouri at Jacksonville St., 5:15 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Louisiana-Monroe, 5:30 p.m.
Murray St. at Tennessee St., 5:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at UT-Martin, 5:30 p.m.
Florida St. at Clemson, 6 p.m.
UCF at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Florida, 6 p.m.
Mississippi at Georgia, 6 p.m.
VCU at Georgia St., 6 p.m.
Hofstra at James Madison, 6 p.m.
South Carolina at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
Arkansas at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Towson at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
UAB at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Marshall at Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
Tulsa at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Alabama at Auburn, 8 p.m.
Vanderbilt at LSU, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Purdue at Michigan, 5 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Nebraska at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Butler at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Iowa at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Ohio St., 7 p.m.
Wichita St. at Illinois St., 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHWEST

Utah Valley at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.
Houston at Rice, 7 p.m.
North Dakota at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.
SMU at UTEP, 8:05 p.m.

FAR WEST

Idaho St. at Sacramento St., 7:05 p.m.
Santa Clara at BYU, 8 p.m.
Portland St. at E. Washington, 8:05 p.m.
Utah at California, 9 p.m.
Long Beach St. at Cal Poly, 9 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Portland at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Southern Cal, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Stanford, 9 p.m.
Arizona St. at UCLA, 9 p.m.
CS Northridge at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
Fresno St. at Hawaii, Mid

USA Today/ESPN Women's Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today - ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first - place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 20, total points based on 25 points for a first - place vote through one point for a 25th - place vote and last weeks ranking:

	W - L	Pts	Pvs
1. Baylor (31)	27 - 0	775	1
2. Stanford	24 - 1	734	3
3. Notre Dame	26 - 2	715	4
4. UConn	24 - 3	686	2
5. Miami	24 - 3	651	6
6. Maryland	23 - 4	615	7
7. Duke	22 - 4	592	5
8. Delaware	24 - 1	522	9
9. Tennessee	20 - 7	516	10
10. Kentucky	**22 - 5**	**501**	**8**
11. Texas A&M	19 - 6	430	13
12. Green Bay	23 - 1	417	12
13. Georgetown	21 - 6	402	14
14. OhioSt.	23 - 4	401	11
15. PennSt.	22 - 5	350	17
16. Georgia	20 - 7	266	15
17. Louisville	**19 - 8**	**258**	**16**
18. DePaul	20 - 7	254	20
19. Georgia Tech	20 - 7	209	22
20. Rutgers	18 - 8	147	18
21. Gonzaga	24 - 4	122	23
22. St. Bonaventure	25 - 2	96	25
23. Nebraska	20 - 6	76	21
24. Vanderbilt	**20 - 7**	**66**	**24**
25. St. John's	18 - 8	58	- -

Others receiving votes: Purdue 53, West Virginia 39, UTEP 35, Florida Gulf Coast 24, Middle Tennessee 22, California 13, Fresno State 11, South Carolina 10, Princeton 6, Kansas State 2, Arkansas 1.

PREP

Wednesday's Scores
The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL
4th District
First Round
Calloway Co. 59, Murray 56
21st District
Semifinal
Lou. Fairdale 75, Lou. Holy Cross 59
Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park 70, Beth Haven 39
First Round
Collins 88, Shelby Co. 72
32nd District
First Round
Grant Co. 55, Walton-Verona 50
43rd District
Semifinal
Lexington Catholic 62, Lex. Paul Dunbar 50
45th District
Semifinal
Lincoln Co. 62, Danville 50

GIRLS BASKETBALL
6th District
Championship
Henderson Co. 62, Webster Co. 40
10th District
Championship
Ohio Co. 66, Muhlenberg County 47
17th District
Semifinal
Elizabethtown 82, Central Hardin 24
25th District
First Round
Lou. DuPont Manual 84, Lou. Shawnee 19
Lou. Presentation 58, Lou. Central 53
27th District
Championship
Lou. Sacred Heart 75, Lou. Seneca 39

Bluegrasspreps.com High School Basketball Polls

Boys

1. Louisville Trinity
2. Scott County
3. Louisville Ballard
4. Madison Central
5. Louisville PRP
6. Louisville Moore
7. Bullitt East
8. Perry Co. Central
9. Jeffersontown
10. Lexington Henry Clay
11. Clark County
12. Rowan County
13. Woodford County
14. Louisville DuPont Manual
15. Marshall County
16. Lexington Catholic
17. Louisville St. Xavier
18. Dixie Heights
19. Ohio County
20. Bowling Green

Girls

1. Louisville DuPont Manual
2. Marion County
3. Boone County
4. Louisville Mercy
5. Perry Co. Central
6. Ryle
7. Notre Dame
8. South Oldham
9. Lexington Dunbar
10. Anderson County
11. Madison Central
12. Louisville Sacred Heart
13. Walton-Verona
14. Clay County
15. Henderson County
16. Newport Central Catholic
17. Louisville Butler
18. Lexington Catholic
19. Elizabethtown
20. Ashland

NHL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	P	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	58	38	15	5	81	161	118
New Jersey	59	35	20	4	74	168	162
Philadelphia	59	33	19	7	73	198	181
Pittsburgh	60	34	21	5	73	186	160
N.Y. Islanders	60	25	27	8	58	140	176

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	P	GF	GA
Boston	57	35	20	2	72	190	132
Ottawa	62	32	22	8	72	190	185
Toronto	60	29	24	7	65	181	184
Buffalo	60	26	27	7	59	150	176
Montreal	61	24	27	10	58	160	167

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	P	GF	GA
Florida	58	27	20	11	65	144	162
Winnipeg	62	29	26	7	65	157	175
Washington	60	29	26	5	63	161	173
Tampa Bay	59	27	26	6	60	166	197
Carolina	60	23	26	11	57	158	181

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	P	GF	GA
Detroit	61	41	18	2	84	191	141
St. Louis	59	36	16	7	79	150	117
Nashville	60	35	19	6	76	168	155
Chicago	61	33	21	7	73	191	179
Columbus	60	18	35	7	43	142	198

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	P	GF	GA
Vancouver	60	38	16	6	82	195	147
Calgary	60	28	23	9	65	143	161
Colorado	60	29	27	4	62	151	168
Minnesota	59	26	24	9	61	131	154
Edmonton	59	23	30	6	52	159	178

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	P	GF	GA
San Jose	58	31	20	7	69	170	148
Phoenix	60	30	21	9	69	157	151
Los Angeles	60	27	21	12	66	128	131
Dallas	60	30	26	4	64	155	167
Anaheim	60	25	25	10	60	154	171

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday

Ottawa 5, Washington 2
Boston at St. Louis, Late.
Los Angeles at Colorado, Late.

Thursday

San Jose at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

Friday

Vancouver at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

NASCAR

NASCAR-Sprint Cup-Gatorade Duel 1 Lineup
After Sunday qualifying; race Thursday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 194.738.
2. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 194.028.
3. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 193.999.
4. (6) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 193.665.
5. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 193.615.
6. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 193.607.
7. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 193.382.
8. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 193.374.
9. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 193.249.
10. (22) A J Allmendinger, Dodge, 193.121.
11. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 192.992.
12. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 192.914.
13. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 192.777.
14. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 192.6.
15. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, 191.963.
16. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 191.84.
17. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 191.738.
18. (32) Terry Labonte, Ford, 191.522.
19. (40) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 191.18.
20. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 191.127.
21. (98) Michael McDowell, Ford, 190.99.
22. (83) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 190.605.
23. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 190.046.
24. (37) Mike Wallace, Ford, 189.853.
25. (7) Robby Gordon, Dodge, 188.229.

NASCAR-Sprint Cup-Gatorade Duel 2 Lineup
After Sunday qualifying; race Thursday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 194.498.
2. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, 193.844.
3. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 193.803.
4. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 193.665.
5. (55) Mark Martin, Toyota, 193.503.
6. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 193.449.
7. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 193.245.
8. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 193.224.
9. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 192.868.
10. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 192.583.
11. (26) Tony Raines, Ford, 192.534.
12. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 191.873.
13. (09) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, 191.567.
14. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 191.506.
15. (51) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 191.363.
16. (33) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 191.27.
17. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 191.16.
18. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 191.063.
19. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 190.022.
20. (97) Bill Elliott, Toyota, 189.95.
21. (93) David Reutimann, Toyota, 189.235.
22. (23) Robert Richardson Jr., Toyota, 188.438.
23. (49) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 187.954.
24. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota.

BRIEFS

Marquess, Western take 5th in 800 relay

Former Hopkinsville HIgh School swimmer Susan Marquess helped Western Kentucky University's 800-freestyle relay team finish fifth in the Sun Belt Conference Swimming and Diving Championships Wednesday in Rockwall, Texas.

The team swam the event in 7:22.06.

The Lady Hilltoppers were in third place with 98 points after the first day. North Texas leads with 110 points and Denver was second with 101.

KHSAA adds bass fishing to activities

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association will add bass fishing as a varsity sport starting next year, Commissioner Julian Tackett announced Wednesday in Lexington.

Bass fishing joins bowling, which is holding its first KHSAA-sanctioned state championship in March, and competitive cheer as sport-activities offered by the Association.

Bass fishing will be offered in the spring with a regular season scheduled from late February through mid-April. The postseason and state competition will take place in late April.

The first state championship is scheduled at the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

Celtics' Rondo named All-Star replacement

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo got a strange combination from the NBA on his 26th birthday.

Rondo was named to the Eastern Conference All-Star team Wednesday night, replacing injured Atlanta Hawks guard Joe Johnson. However, he was out of the Celtics' lineup for a game at Oklahoma City while serving the second game of a two-game suspension.

Coach Doc Rivers joked that, "When you get named to the All-star, you should take one game of suspension away."

Instead, he pointed out, Rondo will be paying fines to the league.

Rondo, a former Kentucky star, averages 14.8 points and is second in the NBA with 9.5 assists per game.

Surgery schedule for UConn's Calhoun

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — UConn basketball coach Jim Calhoun will undergo surgery next week to address a lower back condition and he will miss the Huskies' next two games.

The university said Wednesday the status of the Hall of Fame coach, who has been on a medical leave of absence since Feb. 3, will then be evaluated on "a day-to-day basis."

Calhoun is expected to be hospitalized for one or two nights.

TE Finley confirms new Packers deal

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Tight end Jermichael Finley says he has agreed to a new deal with the Green Bay Packers.

Finley posted a message on his Twitter account Wednesday night appearing to confirm reports that he has agreed to return to the team. Finley wrote, "It's TRUE! Thank you so much to the Packers organization, all my fans, and my beautiful wife."

NASCAR

Junior confident at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. left Daytona frustrated and furious last July.

One of his favorite tracks, the place forever linked to his family name, had become a bore.

Junior disliked every aspect of the newfangled tandem racing at NASCAR's superspeedways: the blind pushing, the feeling of not being in total control and the need for constant communication.

"It was a foolish freakin' race," he said after a 19th-place finish.

His outlook has changed considerably since. Between some NASCAR-mandated changes, results during testing and 54 wild laps in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout, Earnhardt's concerns have been alleviated.

Now, he might even be considered a front-runner heading into today's qualifying race and Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500.

"I do feel like I have a better shot at winning in this current style of racing," Earnhardt said Wednesday. "I do feel more confident than I did coming down here and tandem drafting. I never felt really great about that. It is a completely different style of racing and it's not what I enjoyed.

Earnhardt

"I definitely feel better about this."

Still, Earnhardt and others believe tandem racing in the final laps will determine the outcome in the qualifying races and "The Great American Race."

But not having to push, pull, sweat and swap for 200 laps around the high-banked track means everything to NASCAR's most popular driver — and maybe even more fun to his legion of fans.

After all, Earnhardt won the 2004 Daytona 500 and has a dozen other victories at NASCAR's most storied track. It's also the place where his father, seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt, won 34 races and died on the final lap in the 2001 opener. So Daytona has become synonymous with the Earnhardt legacy.

It will always be an important place for Junior, for better or worse. He knows it, and so does everyone around him.

And now that the racing has returned, at least in part, to the pack style Junior enjoys and seems to thrive in — it was just two years ago that he stormed through the field on the final lap and finished second to Jamie McMurray in a thrilling finish — it only makes sense that he would be a favorite again.

Nonetheless, he knows he needs good fortune to stay out front.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

RUFF: HCCYL seeking players

FROM PAGE B1

youths in Hopkinsville were playing in the HCCYL in 2000. Last year, he said, the league had 515 players and he expects that number to be below 500 in 2012.

"I think we'll have enough to have a league because I'm expecting a ton of sign-ups this week and even next week in the final registration," Blane said.

Most troublesome to Blane and the other board members is the lack of softball players.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Blane estimated 25-30 girls ages 7 to 13 had signed up.

"Again I think things will pick up and girls are always the last to sign up," he said. "We may have to draft only eight to nine on a team. Hopefully, the numbers will come along."

While the local league is struggling, Trigg County Youth Athletic Association President Scott Brown said the Cadiz league is seeing its popularity increase.

"Overall, we had 315 kids last summer, which was a 15 percent increase from 2010," Brown said. "Our new numbers are ahead of where we were last year at this time."

Brown said improvements at the Trigg County Recreational Complex are among the reasons the TCYAA has seen an increase in participation.

"We have made a lot of strides to give people a good product," Brown said. "We have improved our uniforms, Eldridge Rogers has gotten the fields in shape and we've done a great job marketing ourselves with tournaments and things.

"In our Fall league, we had kids from six different cities playing here," Brown continued. "Of course, we don't have a YMCA here so we don't have a lot of competition for the youth here."

Kevin Meacham, the Senior Program Director at the Hopkinsville YMCA, said his spring soccer, flag football and cheerleading numbers have been "pretty stabile" since the programs began in 2000.

"I think there are a lot more opportunities available in the community now but the decline in baseball and softball numbers is happening everywhere," he said. "We get numbers from YMCA's all over the country and baseball and softball are the biggest declining sports. Soccer is growing and specialty sports like archery and flag football, just stuff that's different, are growing."

Meacham said the YMCA has about 500 kids playing soccer, 100 to 150 in flag football and 70 to 80 in cheerleading. He also said about 350 boys play baseball and 70 to 80 girls play softball between June and July, which is near the end of the HCCYL summer season.

Rick Erickson, director of Courttime Volleyball, said his numbers have decreased from 239 in 2011 to 160 through the first session of 2012.

"You have to do everything you can to get the kids interested," Erickson said. "The problem is a lot of kids don't want to get out in the heat and stuff."

According to statistics from Livstrong.com, a 2008 survey showed 44 million children in the United States participate in youth sports. That is an increase from 38 million in 2000. The National Council of Youth Sports survey also found that 66 percent of those youths were boys.

A National Federation of State High School Association study in 2005 showed basketball is the most popular sport for girls with track and field a close second. Football is the top sport for boys with basketball second.

Meanwhile, Blane said he is open to ideas on ways to improve the HCCYL. He also added that a Babe Ruth baseball field is under construction at the Kenny Litchfield Youth Complex and he hoped to add a baseball league for boys ages 14 to 16 next year.

Anyone wanting to sign up for the HCCYL league can go to Herb Hayes Furniture on Fort Campbell Boulevard in Hopkinsville. The cost is $55 plus a candy sale. The leagues are open to boys and girls ages 4-13.

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QuickInfo:

The final day for HCCYL baseball and softball registration is Saturday. Forms can be turned in at Herb Hayes Furniture on Fort Campbell Boulevard in Hopkinsville.

The cost to play in the 2012 spring HCCYL league is $55 with a candy fundraiser.

The league is open to boys ages 4 to 12 and girls ages 4 to 13.

PREP

STATE: HHS swimmers set for meet

FROM PAGE B1

freestyle events.

In addition, Campbell and Francis will be part of the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay teams, which also include senior Nick Montejos and Austin Mason.

"Last year our goal with the boys was just to get a relay team to the state meet and we were able to do that," Marquess said. "This year we wanted to get some individuals and we were able to do that."

For the Lady Tigers, senior Nikki Shouse will swim in the 100-yard breaststroke. She also will join Michaela Langhi, Zena Maddux and Jenna Snyder on the 200-yard freestyle relay team that will compete at the state meet.

"They're all pretty young but they've worked really hard, especially since Christmas," said Marquess, who noted that the team had to work out at the Clarksville (Tenn.) YMCA after the heater in the high school pool went out during the Christmas break. "I just really like their focus."

While none of the Hoptown swimmers are among the favorites to capture a state title, Marquess said she hopes they can beat their swim times and make a good showing.

"None of them are seeded very high, but we are hopeful for faster times than we've had all year," she said.

Another southern Pennyrile athlete will be competing as an individual at the meet.

Caldwell County's Matthew Rogers won the Region 1 Individual Medley in 1:59.60. He also will be swimming the 100 breaststroke at the state meet after winning the regional title in 1:00.69.

The boys' state meet begins at 9 a.m. (CST) Friday with the girls' state meet beginning at 1 p.m. (CST). Saturday's boys' finals are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and the girls take the pool for the finals at 2:30 p.m. (CST).

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GOLF

ASSOCIATED PRESS

England's Luke Donald hits off the seventh fairway while playing with Ernie Els, of South Africa, during the Match Play Championship Wednesday in Marana, Ariz.

Woods survives, at Match Play

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods had to play a left-handed shot out of the desert. Retief Goosen holed out from 156 yards and didn't even win the hole. Dustin Johnson twice won a hole after taking a penalty drop.

But the strangest sight of all Wednesday at the Match Play Championship didn't come from the golf course.

It was Luke Donald on his way to the airport.

"Golf is like that sometimes," Donald said after his 5-and-4 loss to Ernie Els, becoming only the third No. 1 seed to lose in the opening round. "It's a fickle game, and sometimes it bites you."

It almost took a bite out of Woods, who had to rally to beat Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano; and U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy, the No. 2 seed who was 3 up with three holes to play and was sweating on the 18th until George Coetzee missed a short putt for par.

Donald lost in the opening round for the first t ime in eight appearances in this World Golf Championship.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FOOD: Aska happy with time at Murray

FROM PAGE B1

just got to keep on showing people and gaining respect because there's a lot of people that have been doubting us. A lot of people are saying we're not capable of being an elite team. But every day, we just got to prove people wrong, keep on doing what we have to do to keep gaining respect."

Aska was sidelined with a broken bone in his right hand for six games this season. But the All-OVC forward returned on Jan. 28 for a home game against Eastern Illinois. It was Aska's first action since Dec. 30. The sellout crowd greeted the senior leader with a standing ovation that caught Aska by surprise. The applause started when Aska walked to the scorer's table early in the first half, and the roar hit its peak when he stepped onto the court. Aska said he never felt more proud about his decision to come to Murray State.

"When I got into the game it got louder and louder," said Aska, who had eight points and three rebounds in the 73-58 win. "I was trying to ask my teammates what set we were in, but I really couldn't hear them. I stopped and looked around. It was a good feeling. I was shocked."

Aska said because of that love and support he has felt since becoming a member of the Murray State family, he is making it his duty to make sure the Racers end this season as well as they started it.

"I'm appreciative, but we're not done yet," Aska said. "I'm just going to keep on doing whatever I got to do to lead this team and keep on winning."

Aska and Murray State will look to capture their 15th OVC tournament championship next week in Nashville, Tenn. But first, the Racers have to finish the regular season. Murray State has two games left before postseason play, including a trip today to Tennessee State, the only team to beat the Racers this year.

Redemption time.

This is Food For Thought, you do the dishes.

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Thursday Primetime February 23, 2012

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2 (2)	WKRN ABC	2	Nashville's News 2	Nashville's News 2	Nashville's News 2	ABC World News	Nashville's News 2	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout (N)		Grey's A. "If Only You Were Lonely" (N)		Private Practice "Andromeda" (N)		Nashville's News 2	:35 News	Jimmy Kimmel Live		:05 Extra	:35 Law & Order: C.I. "Wrongful Life"	:35 Paid Program		2	2
4	WSMV NBC	4	Channel 4 News	Channel 4 News	Channel 4 News 5	NBC News	Channel 4	Channel 4 News	30 Rock	Parks and Rec (N)	The Office (N)	Up All Night (N)	Grimm		Channel 4 News	:35 Jay Leno Meredith Vieira, Jackson Murphy		:35 LateNight Fallon William Shatner (N)		:35 Carson Daly	:05 Today Show		4	4
5 (5)	WTVF CBS	5	News 5	Inside Edition	News 5	CBSNews	News Channel 5		Big Bang Theory (N)	Rob (N)	Person of Interest "Risk" (N)		The Mentalist (N)		News 5	:35 D. Letterman Nelly Furtado, K'Naan (N)		:35 LateL Jon Ronson, Malin Akerman (N)		:35 Frasier	:05 The Nate Berkus Show		5	5
6 (6)	WPSD NBC		Dr. Phil		Local 6 at 5 p.m.	NBC News	Local 6 at 6 p.m.	Wheel of Fortune	30 Rock	Parks and Rec (N)	The Office (N)	Up All Night (N)	Grimm		Local 6 at 10 p.m.	:35 Jay Leno Meredith Vieira, Jackson Murphy		:35 LateNight Fallon William Shatner (N)		:35 Carson Daly	:05 Today Show		-	-
7	WZTV FOX	6	Maury		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "Final Judgment, Part 2" (N)		The Finder "Little Green Men" (N)		FOX News at 9		Fox News	30 Rock	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Always Sunny	Fox News		Paid Program	17	17
8	WNPT PBS	8	WordGirl	Wild Kratts	Electric Company	Fetch!	PBS NewsHour		Tennessee Cross	Tennessee Civil War	POV "Racing Dreams" (N)			Tennessee Civil War	BBC World News	Summer Wine	Summer of a Lifetime		POV "Racing Dreams"			Games of North	8	8
9 (35)	WKMA PBS		Wild Kratts	Electric Company	BBC News America	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Pittsburgh (Hour Two)"		Doc Martin "In Loco"		Bio. "Grace Kelly: Hollywood Princess"		Legislative Update	BBC World News	GED Connec.	Louisville Life	Charlie Rose		Evening With Smokey Robinson		-	-
18 (30)	WUXP MNT	13	The People's Court		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Jeopardy!	Family Feud	Without a Trace "Midnight Sun"		Without a Trace "Maple Street"		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	A. Griffith Show	A. Griffith Show	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends	My Name Is Earl	Earl "Stole a Badge"	30	30
18 (58)	WNAB CW	12	America's Funniest Home Videos		Big Bang Theory	Met Your Mother	Big Bang Theory	Met Your Mother	The Vampire Diaries "Our Town"		Supernatural		Loves Ray	30 Rock	Family Guy	Family Guy	Excused	Scrubs	TMZ	Paid Program	Scrubs	That '70s Show	58	58
20 (50)	WPGD		Praise the Lord				Good	Potter	BeScenes	J.Osteen	J. Prince	BHouston	Praise the Lord				Holyland	Evidence	Bible	Creflo	Praise the Lord		-	-
21 (13)	WBKO ABC	15	The Dr. Oz Show		WBKO @ 5	ABC World News	WBKO @ 6	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout (N)		Grey's A. "If Only You Were Lonely" (N)		Private Practice "Andromeda" (N)		WBKO @ 10	:35 News	Jimmy Kimmel Live		:05 Paid Program	:35 Inside Edition	:05 ABC World News Now		-	-

CATV		4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	S1	S2
15	WGN 9	Old Christine	Old Christine	30 Rock "Cougars"	30 Rock	America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	239	307
23	HGTV 18	First Sale	First Sale	MyPlace	MyPlace	House	HouseH	My Place	MyPlace	Sell LA (N)	Sell NY (N)	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Selling LA	Selling NY	HouseH	House	HouseH	House	112	229
24	FOOD 23	H.Cook	Paula	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Fat Chef (N)		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Fat Chef "Jeff/Maggie"		Cupcake Wars		110	231
25	TRAV 70	Bourdain "New York"		Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Man/Fd	Vacations Attack		Bizarre "Greece"		Bourdain "Chile"		Layover "Amsterdam"		Bizarre "Greece"		Bourdain "Chile"		Layover "Amsterdam"		215	277
26	E! 53	Khloe &	Khloe &	THS "Lindsay Lohan"		E! News		Soup	Ice Coco	THS "Ice T and Coco"		THS "Lindsay Lohan"		C. Lately	E! News		C. Lately	Khloe &	Khloe &	C. Lately	C. Lately	114	236
27	HALL 58	Waltons "The Star"		Little House Prairie		L. House "The In-Laws"		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	B.Newhart	B.Newhart	185	312
28	LIFE 31	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Runway	24 Hour "Travel"		Runway	Project Runway		Project Runway		Runway	24 Hour	108	252
29	SOAP 59	Brothers & Sisters		Brothers & Sisters		Young & Restless		Days of Our Lives		General Hospital		Young & Restless		Days of Our Lives		General Hospital		All My Children		All My Children		188	262
30	OXY 62	Next Top Model		Law:CI "Vanishing Act"		Law:CI "Legacy"		Law:CI "Purgatory"		Law:CI "Betrayed"		Law:CI "Vanishing Act"		Law:CI "Legacy"		House "Fetal Position"		House "Airborne"		Daughters Left Behind		127	251
32	GOLF 262	1:00 Golf		Golf C.	PGA Golf Mayakoba Classic				Golf WGC- Accenture Match Play Championship Day 2 Site: Ritz-Carlton Golf Club								Golf C.	G. Goose	PGA Golf Mayakoba Classic			401	218
34	ESPNC	3:00 NASCAR Racing		SportsCentury		EURO Pre.	EURO Pre.	The White Shadow		Friday Night Lights		Friday Night Lights		Auction	Auction	FireChat	Up Close	Up Close	Up Close	SportCent.	One/One	143	614
35	ESPN 25	Around Horn (N)	Interrup-tion (N)	SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		140	206
36	ESPN2 26	SportsNa-tion (N)	NASCAR Now (L)	NFL 32 (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball BYU vs. Gonzaga (L)				Basketball (L)	NFL Live (N)		Poker	144	209
37	FSS 47	UFC Countdown "144: Edgar vs. Henderson"		The Game 365	ACC All-Access	NCAA Basketball Arkansas vs. Tennessee (L)				NCAA Basketball Vanderbilt vs. Louisiana State University Women's (L)				NCAA Basketball Pac-12 Wild Card Stanford vs. California (L) (JIP)			The PAC "Oregon"	NHL Hockey Anaheim Ducks vs. Carolina Hurricanes Site: RBC Center -- Raleigh, N.C.				420	646
39	SPEED 35	1:00 Racing	Victory (N)	NASCAR Truck Racing Daytona 250 (L)				NASCAR Auto Racing Duel at Daytona Site: Daytona International Speedway							Chasing Daytona		Wrecked	Trucker	Trucker	Pimp	Pimp	150	607
40	TNT 39	Law & Order "Shadow"		Bones "Spaceman in a Crater"		NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs. Miami Heat Site: American Airlines Arena -- Miami, Fla. (L)					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)					Inside the NBA (L)		CSI: NY "Nothing for Something"		Rizzoli & Isles "Brown Eyed Girl"		138	245
41	FX 54	2:30 There's Some...		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Archer (N)	Unsup. (N)	Archer	Unsuperv.	Unsuperv.	Archer	Archer	Unsuperv.	Paid	Paid	136	248
42	USA 49	Burn Notice "Unpaid Debts"		NCIS "Family"		NCIS "Ex-File"		NCIS "Designated Target"		NCIS "Lost and Found"		NCIS "Corporal Punishment"		Burn Notice "Bloodlines"		CSI: Crime Scene "Fracked"		Burn Notice "Identity"		★★ Second in Command		105	242
43	TBS 21	Friends	Friends	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Seinf. "The Nose Job"	Seinf. "The Jimmy"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Dhani Harrison (N)		The Office	The Office	Conan Dhani Harrison		Seinf. "The Visa"	Seinf. "The Movie"	139	247
44	HMC	Movie	★★★ McBride: Fallen Idol				★★★ McBride: It's Murder, Madam				★★★ Class Action ('91, Susp) Gene Hackman.					Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		McBride: Fallen Idol		187	560
45	FNC 46	The Five		Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		To Be Announced		205	360
46	CNN 38	3:00 The Situation		John King, USA		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		200	202
49	MSNBC 51	Hardball		PoliticsNation		Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		Hardball		209	356
55	BET 57	Parkers	Parkers	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★★★★ Boyz 'N the Hood				BET Honors				Wendy Williams		★★★★ Boyz 'N the Hood				124	329
56	SYFY 55	Stargate: SG-1 "The Road Not Taken"		Star Trek: NG "When the Bough Breaks"		★★ Planet Terror (2007, Action) Freddy Rodriguez, Bruce Willis, Rose McGowan.				★★★ Dawn of the Dead Survivors of a worldwide plague take refuge from flesh-hungry zombies in a shopping mall.				★★ Drag Me to Hell (2009, Horror) Alison Lohman, Lorna Raver, Justin Long.					Rise of the Gargoyles ('08, Hor) Nick Mancuso, Eric Balfour.			122	244
57	SPIKE 30	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Impact Wrestling High-risk athletic entertainment from the ring. (N)				Uncens-ored (N)	Jail	Jail	Jail	GameTra-ilers	Entourage	Uncens-ored	Entourage	168	241
58	COM 60	Sunny	SouthPk	Daily Sh.	Colbert	30 Rock	30 Rock	Chappelle	Chappelle	Carlos Mencia		KeyPeele	Tosh.O	Daily Sh.	Colbert	Tosh.O	Tosh.O	Daily Sh.	Colbert	Sunny	Work	107	249
59	G4 259	Cops	Cops	Cops	X-Play	Attack of the Show!		Bomb Patrol		Bomb Patrol		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Campus	Cheaters	Cheaters	Attack of the Show!		191	-
60	BRAVO 42	3:30 Atlanta	Bethenny Ever After		The Real Housewives		The Real Housewives		The Real Housewives		H.Wives	Housewives Atl. (N)		Watch (N)	The Real Housewives		Tabatha Takes Over		Watch	Inside Actors Studio		129	237
61	TCM 235	3:00 All the Bro...		:45 ★★★★ Mister Roberts An officer aboard a ship yearns for combat duty while his friends play practical jokes.				★★★ The Bridge on the River Kwai A ruthless Japanese commander orders British PoWs to build a bridge over the river Kwai.						★★★ The Letter (1940, Drama) Gale Sondergaard, Herbert Marshall, Bette Davis.				★★★ The Year of Living Dangerously ('83, Adv) Sigourney Weaver, Mel Gibson.				132	256
62	AMC 29	CSI: Miami "Out of Time"		CSI: Miami "Hostile Takeover"		CSI: Miami "Bolt Action"		E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial A young boy forms a special bond with an alien and tries to help his friend return home.					Sleepless in Seattle A young boy calls a radio talk show and sets his widowed father up with an engaged woman.					CSI: Miami "Out of Time"		CSI: Miami "Hostile Takeover"		130	254
63	FAM 36	Gilmore Girls		Home Videos		★★ Legally Blonde Reese Witherspoon.				Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	180	311
64	TVLAND 45	:10 Bonanza		:20 M*A*S*H		MASH	MASH	Home I.	Home I.	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Queens	Queens	:40 Queens	:15 Queens	:55 King of Queens		:25 Queens	106	304
65	DISN 22	Wizards	Wizards	Shake U.	GoodLk	Shake Up	GoodLk	Phineas		★★★ Holes ('03, Adv) Sigourney Weaver.			:40 Shake	:05 GoodL	GoodLk	Wizards	Wizards	GoodLk	GoodLk	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	172	290
66	DISNXD	Phineas & Ferb: Across the 2...			:45 Ferb	Kickin' It	Kings	Mr. Young	ZekeLut.	Wizards	SuiteL	Phineas	Phineas	I'm Band	SuiteLife	ZekeLut.	SuiteL	Phineas	Kid vs. Kat	Jimmy	Kid vs. Kat	174	292
67	NICK 24	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	Chris	WifeKid	170	300
68	TOON 50	Level Up	Regular	MAD	Gumball	Adv.Time	Adv.Time	MAD	Regular	King Hill	King Hill	AmerD	AmerD	FamilyG	FamilyG	Delocated	Childrens	AquaT.	AmerD	AmerD	FamilyG	176	296
69	A&E 44	The First 48		The First 48 "Out of the Past/ Feud"		The First 48 "Left to Burn/ Trigger Happy"		The First 48		The First 48 "Blood Alley/ Bad Deal"		The First 48 "The Hill/ Dangerous Game"		America's Most Wanted		The First 48		The First 48 "Blood Alley/ Bad Deal"		The First 48 "The Hill/ Dangerous Game"		118	265
70	HIST 56	Modern Marvels "Distilleries 2"		Modern Marvels "Commercial Fishing"		Swamp People "Gator Gold Rush"		Swamp People "No Guts, No Gator"		Swamp People "Divide to Conquer" (N)		Mudcats "Nightmare Holes" (N)		CajunPn-Stars	CajunPn-Stars	Swamp People "No Guts, No Gator"		Swamp People "Divide to Conquer"		Mudcats "Nightmare Holes"		120	269
71	NGEO 250	Secrets Virgin Queen		George Washington		Justice "Born to Kill"		Hunt for Giant Squid		America Before Columbus				Hunt for Giant Squid		America Before Columbus				Justice "Born to Kill"		186	276
73	DISC 37	Man, Woman, Wild "Botswana"		To Be Announced		Killing Bin Laden		The 9/11 Tapes "Chaos in the Sky"		U.S. Drug Wars "Hide and Seek"		To Be Announced		U.S. Drug Wars "Hide and Seek"		To Be Announced		The 9/11 Tapes "Chaos in the Sky"		Killing Bin Laden		182	278
74	TRUTV	Bait Car	Bait Car	Cops	Cops	World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest... (N)		BeachTow	BeachTow	Most Shocking		World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		BeachTow	BeachTow	204	246
75	TLC 41	CakeB.	Kitchen	Toddlers & Tiaras		David Blaine Vertigo		Magic Man		NY Ink "Now or Never"		Cellblock 6: Female		NY Ink "Now or Never"		Cellblock 6: Female		Magic Man		David Blaine Vertigo		183	280

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Christianity fundamentally different from other religions

MY ANSWER

BILLY GRAHAM

DEAR REV. GRAHAM: I've been studying the sacred books of the major religions, and I've concluded that no religion has all the answers. I believe we can learn about the divine from every religion. — R.W.

DEAR R.W.: Have you ever asked yourself what makes Christianity different from the other religions you've studied? It can be summarized in one sentence: In other religions, the human race seeks to find God — but in Christianity God seeks to find us.

Let me explain. In spite of their differences (and there are many), every religion ultimately asks the same question: How can we overcome the barrier between us and our Creator? To put it another way, how can we make ourselves acceptable to God? Except for Christianity, the major religions of the world all give the same answer: We must work to make ourselves acceptable to God. Only by our good deeds can we escape from the evils of this world, and make God like us and reward us.

But the Bible gives a different answer. It says we can never make ourselves acceptable to God, no matter how hard we try — because God is absolutely holy and pure, and even one sin would be enough to banish us from His presence forever. But God loves us, and He has provided another way for us to be saved. That way is Jesus Christ, who came down from heaven to become the final and complete sacrifice for our sins.

This is why I invite you to get to know Jesus as He is revealed in the pages of the New Testament. When you do, you'll discover not only that God loves you, but also that He wants you to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Jesus' words are for you: "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

SEND YOUR QUERIES to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201; call 877-2-GRAHAM, or visit the website for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

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Florence Nightingale need not apply

ASK AMY

AMY DICKINSON

DEAR AMY: My husband was just diagnosed with cancer and has been referred to an out-of-town surgeon for treatment. My brother lives nearby and has offered to go with us for my husband's treatment.

I'm not close to my brother and don't want to have him hanging around, but sickness gets his attention like nothing else.

He had a distant relationship with our parents, and only swooped in to play Florence Nightingale when they were each dying.

I'm not sure how to make it clear to him that I don't need or want his help without offending him — and he's easily offended.

Any ideas? — Sick-of-it Sister

DEAR SISTER: First, you should try to objectively consider whether your brother might in fact be useful to you. After all, the best time to have a "Florence Nightingale" around is when you need the nursing.

Despite your brother's sensitivities and your bitterness toward him, your husband is the person who should make his wishes known and you should follow his lead.

If you don't want your brother around at this time and if you husband doesn't want or need the help, then you should tell him: "Thank you but we're covered. I'll let you know if I need anything."

If your brother presses his case, then you should ask him to please step back and give you space.

If this offends him, then so be it. If he is offended he might give you a wide berth, which is what you've wanted all along.

DEAR AMY: One of my best friends from high school recently eloped with her fiancé to Europe. She is coming to my town in a couple of weeks for a bridal shower that her mother is throwing.

The invitation from her mother states that we are not to bring any gifts, but instead help contribute to the expenses she incurred while in Europe.

Should I give a cash gift — or nothing at all? Isn't it wrong to ask her guests to help with expenses for the elopement, which happened months ago? Thank you. I truly don't know what to do! — BFF

DEAR BFF: Showers where cash rains down on a couple are more common than they used to be — but this is the first time I have heard of a shower held to essentially pay down a couple's debt.

Depending on your views about this sort of BFF bailout, you might want to give it a miss.

SEND QUESTIONS via email to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson's memoir, "The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them" (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.

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THAT'S THE TICKET!

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FEB. 23- MARCH 3

"I love you, you're perfect, now change" – 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Feb. 18, Regional Theatre, 100 Franklin St., Clarksville, Tenn. A hilarious musical revue pays tribute to those who have loved and lost and to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance. This celebration of the mating game takes on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum known as "the relationship". For more information, call 931-645-7699 or visit the website http://roxyregionaltheatre.org.

FEB 23-26

Bat Boy: The Musical – 1138 Washington Square, Evansville, Ind. "Bat Boy: The Musical" is the tale of an offbeat love story. It's part horror and part comedy, just like the main character, who is part boy and part bat creature. For more information, call 812-425-2800 or visit www.civic.evansville.net.

FEB. 24

Jason Aldean with special guest Luke Bryan – 7:30 p.m., Bridgestone Arena, 501 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. Tickets are between $25-$49.75.

Toast to the Arts – 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, Ind. Local artists create masterful work, and this night is for them. Mingle with supporters of the arts at this annual gala, which benefits scholarship programs and student development activities of University of Souther Indiana's Society for Arts and Humanities. For more information, call 812-464-8600.

FEB. 24-26

Oil Painting – 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Pennyrile Forest State Park, Dawson Springs. If you've always wanted to learn how to paint, this is the weekend event for you. Learn the wet-on-wet method of oil painting by creating your very own 16x20 landscape painting at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. The fees are $65 for one painting class or $120 for two painting classes and the Friday night program. There is a maximum of 20 participants per class, so sign up early. For more information, call 800-325-1711 or email rebeccae.clark@ky.gov.

Home Builders Association of Kentucky Home and Garden Show – Julian M. Carroll Convention Center, 415 Park Ave., Paducah. Home improvement and gardening activities, demonstrations, exhibits and products. Perfect for homeowners interested in renovating and redecorating. For more information, call 270-442-9572.

FEB. 25

African-American Heritage Breakfast - 8 a.m., James E. Bruce Convention Center. The 18th annual African-American Heritage Breakfast sponsored by the Modernette Civic Club, Inc. The keynote speaker will be John Johnson, executive director, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, Louisville. Tickets are $12 per person and can be purchased from any member of the Modernette Civic Club or at the door the day of the event.

Lewis Black – 8 p.m., Ryman Auditorium, 116 Fifth Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn. Lewis Black's live performances provide a cathartic release of anger and disillusionment for his audience. Black yells so they don't have to. He is a passionate performer who is more a angry optimist than mean-spirited curmudgeon. Black is the rare comic who can cause an audience to laugh themselves into incontinence while making compelling points about the absurdity of our world. Tickets are between $32.50-$65. For more information, call 615-889-3060.

Jammin' for Disaster – 7 p.m., at Valor Hall, 105 Walter Garrett Lane, Oak Grove. Heroes for the American Red Cross will host Jammin' for Disaster. Featured artist will be Amber Hayes and The Steve Goodwin Band. Doors open at 6 p.m. All proceeds will go to aide disaster services through the Red Cross. For more information, call 270-821-6784 or 270-719-1310 or email plocka@mid-westkentucky.redcross. org.

2012 Tecumseh District Pinewood Derby – 9-9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. race, Bradford Square mall. Registration fee will be $5 per car. For more information, call Jimmy Dossett at 270-839-3598 or email jdossett@newwave comm.net.

Empty Bowls Project of Paducah – 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Julian M. Carroll Convention Center, 415 Park Ave., Paducah. This annual fundraiser provides you with an incredible lunch and a hand-made ceramic bowl in support of the local soup kitchen here in Paducah. Started by a local ceramic artist, Michael Terra, Terra Cottage Ceramics, this event last year raised more than $14,000 to fight local hunger. Tickets are $15 and include the lunch and the bowl. For more information, call Michael Terra 270-908-0090.

Christian County Heart Walk – 8:30 a.m. registration, Bradford Square mall. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

Rag Doll Workshop – noon-3 p.m, 22 S.E. 5th St., Evansville, Ind. Children make their very own keepsake doll with help from local artists Deborah E. Wagner and We Are The Company of Women, makers of handmade dolls. Reservations are required for this event, and there is a $3 materials fee. To reserve your space, call 812-464-2663 ext 230.

FEB. 26

Lady Antebellum with Darius Rucker and Thompson Square – 1 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, Ind. Lady Antebellum "Own the Night" World Tour 2012 with special guests Darius Rucker and Thomas Square. For more information, call 812-422-8000.

FEB. 27

The Petar Jankovic Ensemble – 7:30 p.m., Alhambra Theatre, 507 S. Main St. Petar Jankovic, internationally award winning classical guitarist and faculty member at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music at Bloomington, joins forces with the Indiana University string quartet to bring a vibrant performance to the Alhambra Theatre. This collaboration creates a unique ensemble that infuses new vigor and a refreshing outlook in their expressive renditions of traditional and contemporary Spanish and South American composers. For more information, visit www.pennyroyalarts.org, call 270-887-4095 or email paci@bellsouth.net.

FEB. 29

Black History Month Extravaganza – 6 p.m., Paducah Tilghman High School. A celebration of culture in honor of Black History Month hosted by George Wilson of the Buffalo Bills. See poet Samuel Hawkins, The Great Gatsby Jazz Funk Odyssey, Nia Dancers, Knock-on-Wood Drum Corps, Paducah Middle School Jazz Ensemble and more. For more information, call 270-444-5750.

MARCH 2-3

Home Builders Association Home Show – noon - 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, James E. Bruce Convention Center, 303 Conference Center Drive. The Home Builders Association of Hopkinsville will have its annual Home, Farm and Garden Expo. For more information, call Renee Goodner at 270-885-8319.

MARCH 3

The Ready Reader Road Rally – 11 a.m., HCCPL parking lot. A new initiative which begins a Christian County Tradition — the first ever in our area — the Ready Reader Road Rally (R4). A combination scavenger hunt/treasure hunt/Amazing Race, the (R4) features teams competing to be the first to discover 12 historical sites in our county. With clues devised by Mr. William T. Turner, teams of families and friends will traverse the streets and roads of Christian County in search of Educational Enlightenment (and some cash, of course). Organize your teams and contact the CCL&LC office, at 270-887-4263 ext 6, or email cclibraryandliteracy@gmail.com. As Very Important People, you and yours are invited to begin 2012 with participation in these Three Very Important Projects, and be assured, the rest of 2012 portends additional VIPs.

Spring Home Based Business Show – Governor's Square Mall. Vendor Show with Home Based Businesses. Get the latest ideas in crafts, home parties, decorating your home and gift ideas. Call Mall Management Office at 931-552-0289 to become a vendor.

A.W. Watts Senior Citizens Center Fundraiser Breakfast – 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ticket prices are $6 for adults, $3 for children under 12 years of age. Menu includes sausage, eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy and orange juice, coffee or milk.

MARCH 6

Home-based Microprocessor Workshop - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Christian County Extension Office, 2850 Pembroke Road. This workshop is for those wanting to process, in their home kitchen, some types of non-fruit (vegetable) sugarless jams/jellies, in addition to acid foods, formulated acid food products, and/or low-acid canned foods. This includes but is not limited to green beans, salsa, barbeque sauce, pickles, chutney, hot pepper or garlic jelly and similar products. One or more of the ingredients of each product must be grown by the processor. This is a required training if you plan to sell these products at farmers markets, certified roadside stands, or from the processor's farm. There is a $56 fee for this workshop. Register on-line at www.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/micro/ or by phone at 859-257-812.

Leprechaun Hunt – 2 p.m., Noble Park, 2915 Park Ave. (U.S. 60), Paducah. Scavenger hunt for hidden treasures. Partiicpate in teams to win prizes. For more information, call 270-444-8508.

MARCH 9-10

Fourth annual Father-Daughter Purity Ball – 7 to 9 p.m., James E Bruce Convention Center, 303 Conference Drive. March 9 is kindergarten through fifth grade, March 10 is sixth grade through college. This is a black-tie affair. This is a chance to have a dinner date with your daughter before the program and we will provide dessert. Our girls are so precious to us, and God has given dads the high calling of being their protector and guiding authority. Our hope is that our fathers can be a model of love to our daughters so that they can gain a very real and positive image of their Heavenly Father. The evenings will focus on personal accountability for fathers and daughters, include an age-appropriate program about purity and present an opportunity for fathers and daughters to pledge obedience and purity to Him. We hope that through this event, the girls will come to appreciate Jesus as their first love, and realize that their life belongs to Him. If her biological father is unable to attend, your princess may be escorted by an "adopted" father. The registration fee is $30 per couple and $10 for each additional daughter. This fee is a tax-deductible donation that will help support our ministry's efforts of spreading God's message of purity. To make arrangements, call 270-885-3820. Registration forms must be submitted with payment by Wednesday.

MARCH 9-11

Once Upon a Mattress – 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Alhambra Theatre. This fun-for-all-ages musical is a hilariously nutty retelling of the beloved fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea." The story centers around Prince Dauntless the Drab whose mother, Queen Agravain, seeking to keep the boy to herself, has declared that he will wed only a true princess of royal blood ... and creates impossible tests the candidates must pass. Music by Mary Rodgers (daughter of Richard Rodgers), lyrics by Marshall Barer and a book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, and Barer. Tickets are $10. For more information, visit www.campanileproductions.com.

MARCH 10

Dinner Theater Series – 4-10 p.m., Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Lake Barkley State Resort Park is proud to present another installation of it's popular dinner theater series. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet and the featured entertainment. Call the Park at 270-924-1131 or email lake barkley@ky.gov for more information on the exact Show for this date. Remember to ask about overnight room specials and make this a night to remember.

MARCH 10-23

Easter Bunny Arrival – Governor's Square Mall. Bring the kids out to our Easter Egg Display at the Customer Service Center. Each child can take a guess as to how many eggs they think is in the display. The child who guesses the closest will win an Easter Prize Package. Please be sure to come back and join us at 10 a.m. on March 24 where the Easter Bunny will announce the winner.

MARCH 16-17

20th Edgar Cayce Hometown Seminar – 7 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday, Pennyroyal Area Museum, 217 E. Ninth St. Edgar Cayce was born in Christian County on March 18, 1877. It was here during his formative years that he developed his remarkable psychic talents and embarked upon a lifetime of service to God and mankind. Join us as we celebrate his birthday and immerse ourselves in Cayce's hometown history. Reserverations are required. For more information, call Pennyroyal Area Museum at 270-887-4270 or email Pennyroyal.Museum@gmail.com.

MARCH 17

Beat Beethoven! 5K Run/Walk – 7:30 a.m. Registration, 9 a.m. 5K, 10 a.m. Youth 1 Mile Run, Nobel Park, 2915 Park Avenue, Paducah. In conjunction with Beethoven's 5th concert featuring Beethoven's famous Symphony No. 5, the Paducah Symphony Orchestra inagurates a fun 5K run. At Maestro Ponti's baton downbeat, participants will start as the opening notes of the symphony are played. The goal is to complete the course before the music ends therefore "beating" Beethoven! Athletes of all ages and abilities are invited to walk or run to the joyous sounds of the musical masterpiece. Then return to the Carson center that evening to hear Beethoven's 5th performed by the PSO. Pre-registration (by March 15) is $25. Race day registration is $30. Youth Run registration is $10. For more information, call 270-444-0065.

Jason Bishop – 7:30 p.m., Clemens Fine Arts Center, West Kentucky Community & Technical College, Paducah. Welcome to the new domain of "Smart Magic"! Hailed as America's Hottest Young Illusionist, Jason Bishop grabs the audience's attention from the moment that he takes the stage. From his breath-taking double levitation to his cutting edge Op-Art and Plasma Screen illusions, Jason Bishop interweaves stunning state-of-the-art magic with humor and the power of the mind. Each show features award winning sleight of hand, exclusive grand illusions and even close-up magic projected onto a huge movie screen. Jason delivers the show with a totally modern energy and a captivating rock and pop soundtrack. No other touring illusionist showcases such a diverse array of talents. Jason will also present an outreach program that not only features some live performance but also touches upon his history and success story of the foster care system. Jason serves as a powerful inspiration to kids of all ages. Tickets are $25 for adults and $15 for students and children. For more information, call 270-534-3212.

Sports Festival – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Austin Peay's campus. The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking businesses and companies interested in being exhibitors at the 2012 Sports Festival. The festival will feature demonstrations, mini-clinics, give-aways and more, all celebrating sports and athletics in our local and surrounding communities. The exhibition application is available at the Parks & Recreation Department office or online at http://recpro.cityofclarksville.com. All forms must be turned in no later than Friday.

USO Ten Miler – 8 a.m., Fort Campbell Division Parade Field, 47th St. and Desert Storm Ave. The USO Ten Miler is a fundraiser to support programs and services for troops and families. The race is open to military and civilian runners (and walkers that can complete the course in 3 hours) and registration is now open! The discounted cost of $35 includes a long sleeve, technical tee shirt. Runners and walkers can register at www.active.com/running/fort-campbell-ky/uso-ten-miler-race-2012. For more information, call Kari M. Burgess Brown, Director USO Fort Campbell, 270-660-9068 or email kbbrown@uso.org.

MARCH 21-22

Clarksville Job Fair – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wednesday, Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce for a Job Fair, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday. Fort Campbell Regional Job Fair. More than 1,500 highly qualified job seekers will be in attendance. Among them will be skilled, disciplined and motivated Veterans, wounded warriors and military spouses. If interested in participating, contact Brittany Williams at brittany.n.williams62.ctr@mail.mil, 270-798-5000 or Sharon Edwards at sharon.e.edwards6.civ@mail.mil, 270-956-3058 or visit www.clarksvillechamber.com.

MARCH 23-25

2012 Kentucky Bunco Bash – 5-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday, James E. Bruce Convention Center, 5305 Fort Campbell Blvd. You are invited to the Kentucky Bunco Bash in Hopkinsville, March 23-25. We are going to have three great days of bunco. We will have a winners and a losers bracket with prize money in both. Over $4000 in cash and prizes! Prizes will be given for the best decorated hotel room door and best bunco costume (individual or group) and there will be more prizes throughout the weekend. Participating Hotels are : Best Western, 270-886-9000; Hampton Inn & Suites, 270-886-8800; Comfort Suites, 270-985-1101: Holiday Inn, 270-886-4413; Fairfield Inn & Suites, 270-886-5151; Rodeway Inn, 270-885-1126. Register for your seat at this event on www.KentuckyBuncoBash.com. If you will be staying overnight please make your reservations at one of our participating hotels. Deadline to register is March 23. Only $50 for 3 days of Bunco. This year we will open the tournament for one day of play for $30. You will qualify for prizes at the end of Saturday and you are welcome on Friday night. We will be judging the decorated doors and the bunco costumes on Saturday and announcing the winners after lunch. We also will be doing pictures for everyone to take back home.

MARCH 24

River Queen Pageant– 7 p.m., APSU Clement Auditorium. Tickets sold at the door. For information on applying, visit www.riversandspires.com. This pageant is part of the Rivers & Spires Festival and a precursor to the Miss TN USA pageant.

APRIL 8

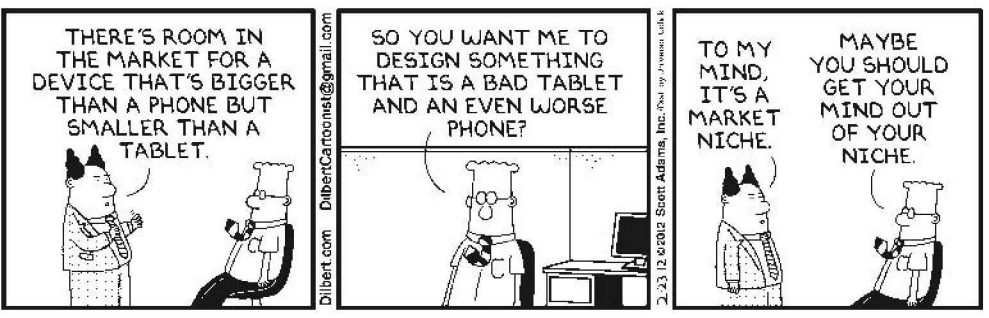
Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt – 2:30-3:30 p.m., Lake Barkley State Resort Park, 3500 State Park Road, Cadiz. Windows on the Water restaurant will offer its annual Easter Buffet from noon – 8 p.m. That afternoon Lake Barkley will shower the fields with eggs in the Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt. It will start at 3 p.m. at the Lake Barkley Fitness Center – don't be late. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at 2:30 p.m. so don't forget your camera. From toddlers to teens, bring your baskets and gather some goodies. For more information, email Mary.Schmidt@ky.gov or call 800-325-1708.

TO SUBMIT an item to Ticket, please include Who, What, When and Where in the item description along with a daytime contact phone number. Items may either be faxed to 270-887-3222, or emailed to living@kentuckynewera.com. All items must be submitted one week prior to the desired publication date. Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. each Monday. For more information, call 270-887-3238.

GARFIELD

BABY BLUES

DILBERT by Scott Adams



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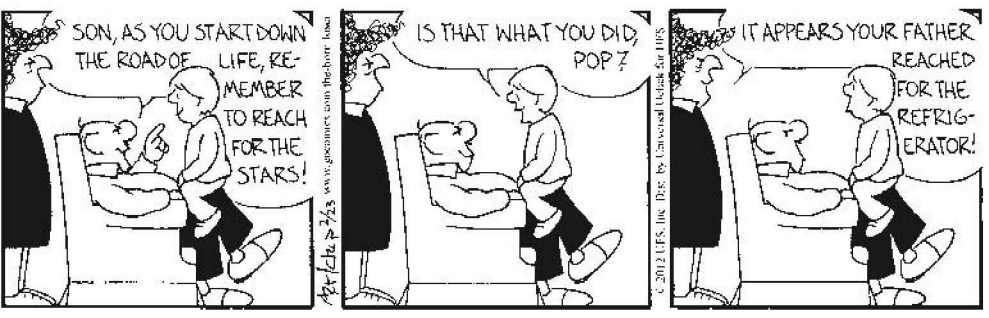

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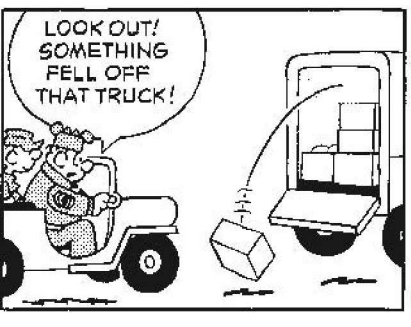


PLUGGERS

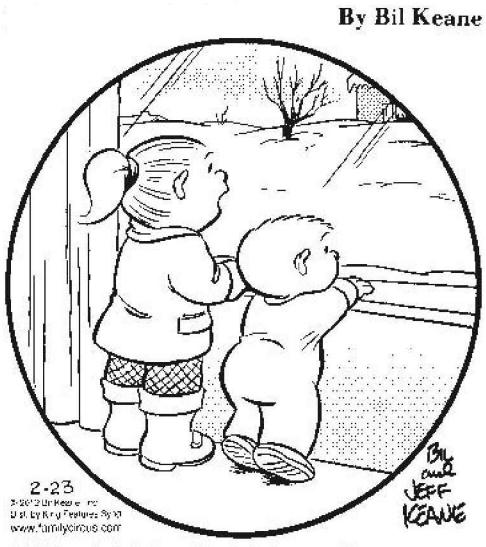
A plugger never has leftover paint... he just mixes another "custom color"!

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF YOU TOOK MY TEMPERATURE, WHEN WILL I GET IT BACK?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

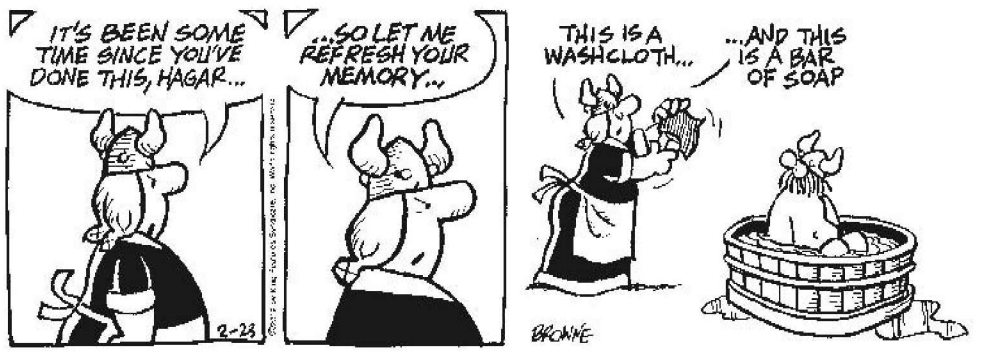


"Uh-oh! I don't think my boots are as deep as the snow."

NON-SEQUITUR

CLASSIC PEANUTS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-23 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SOME PEOPLE GO TO PRIESTS; OTHERS TO POETRY; I TO MY FRIENDS. — VIRGINIA WOOLF

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Sudoku Answer

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dojo blow
5 Paris subway
10 Eastern monk
11 Tropical fruit
12 Singer Jackson
13 Starting bid
14 Liner window
16 Finishes on the green
20 Expands
23 Debate side
24 Love to pieces
25 Bread-making need
27 Lawn makeup
28 Cowboys' home
29 Writer's inconsistency
32 It's dealt face down
36 Digestion aid
39 Jazz combo
40 Acted the nomad
41 Snaky swimmers
42 Wrath
43 Secluded spot

DOWN

1 Thunder sound
2 Ring of light
3 Epps of "House"
4 Big cat
5 Sap source
6 Foils' kin
7 Shoe shade
8 Reuben base
9 Crew need
11 Natatorium features
15 Sharpen
17 October birthstone
18 Stellar bear
19 Nursery group
20 Fig pollinator
21 Revered one
22 Extinct bird
25 Bulldog's home
26 Not appointed
28 Meted out
30 Sweet herb
31 Lisa's dad
33 Bailiwick
34 Moon valley
35 Rx amount
36 Hurler's stat
37 Dijon denial
38 Veer the other way

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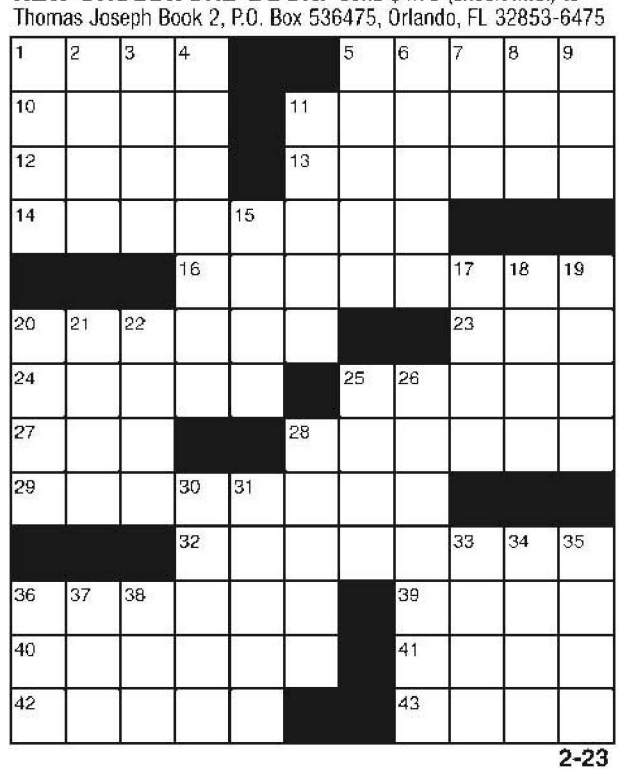

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DO ADDED-TRACTION DEVICES ACTUALLY WORK?

Peabody Award-winning National Public Radio stars Tom and Ray Magliozzi take the fear out of car repair and find the fun in engine failure each week in "Click and Clack Talk Cars." They took their nicknames from the clicketyclack sound made by aging autos.

Dear Tom and Ray:

Do those clamp-on or strap-on devices that go on your tires help with winter driving traction? Or do they just clamp on my wallet? -- James

TOM: Sure, they can help. There are several different types of devices that can be used as temporary traction aids.

RAY: Consumer Reports tested a few of them, and the conclusion was that they can help, under certain situations, but they're not very easy to put on.

TOM: They tested one product called the AutoSock, which is a mesh sock that you slip over each tire, and the mesh gives you additional traction in certain conditions.

RAY: They tested it on a snow-covered hill in Vermont and found that with the AutoSock, they could get their Honda Accord to the top of the hill, which they couldn't do with just the all-season tires.

TOM: They also tested a set of temporary "tire chain-like" things called SnoBootz. With straps and Velcro, you attach these textured rubber pads to your tires, and the pads are supposed to dig into the snow and increase your grip.

RAY: Consumers found that in soft snow, SnoBootz were disappointing. They dug into the snow and got stuck, just like regular tires do. But on roads with packed snow, the SnoBootz were impressive and increased tire grip significantly.

TOM: The downside of these devices is that they're fairly expensive (the AutoSock is 100 bucks per pair of wheels, and the SnoBootz are $250 for four). While that's not quite equal to the price of four good snow tires (which will help you more than anything), it is a significant investment.

RAY: They're also both fairly difficult to install. So you should plan to get wet and cold when doing so.

TOM: And these are not things you can put on in the fall and take off in the spring. They're temporary devices designed for low-speed, short-distance driving. Then they have to be removed.

RAY: There are other products and devices out there that we're less familiar with, but if you've used any temporary traction devices -- successfully or unsuccessfully -- we invite you to tell us, and our other readers, about your experience. Make a note of the name of the product, and leave your comments at www.cartalk.com/snow.

TOM: And if you decide to toss one of these products in your trunk, consider also tossing in a waterproof jumpsuit and some hand-warmers.

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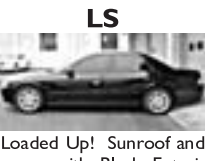
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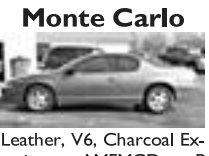
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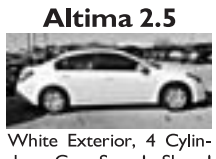
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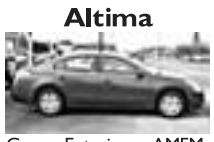
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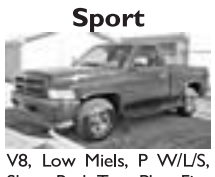
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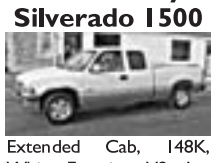
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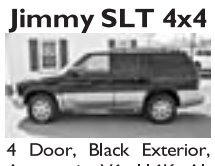
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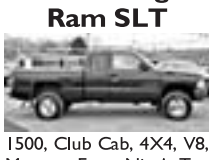
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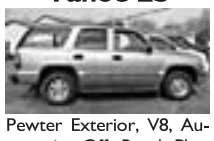
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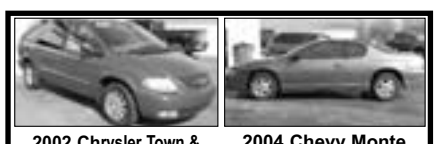
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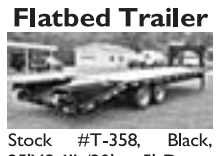

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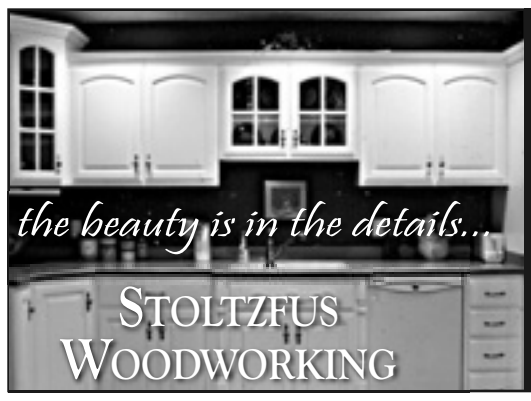

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Roofing, painting, siding, and decks. Repair work of any kind. Call 270-881-1483 or 270-839-7128. Free estimates.

Landscaping And Lawncare
25% off regular price, Feb. and Mar. only. Call 270-885-3525 for more info

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Reliable Roofing
New roof installation. Leak Repair and Remodeling. Senior/Military discount. Call (270) 498-3234

Sew & Sew Marine Upholstery
Specializing in boat and RV upholstery. We can re-cover or repair your cushions, boat seats, boat covers, Bimini tops and more. We also re-cover indoor and outdoor furniture. Call Dickey Reece at (270) 271-2596 or (270) 839-9453.

Pets

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Jack Russell Terrier Puppies
Males and females, 1st shots, wormed, tail docked, dew claws removed. Ready to go now! $150 each. Parents on premises. Near Hopkinsville, KY. Call 931-624-4141 or 270-839-9453.

Lab Mix
1 year old male. Free to good home. Current shots. Serious callers only. 270-836-8801

Pomeranian
Puppies. CKC. lovethapuppy.com Call 931-217-2642.

Pet Supplies

Bird Cage
$25. 270-881-2524

Livestock/ Agriculture

Farm Services/ and Supplies

Hunting Lease
Looking for 100 acres plus woods/farmland to hunt. Call Mike 770-235-3557

Wanted Standing Timber
Keith Shepherd (270) 424-8766.

Boats and Supplies

2011
18 ft Suntracker Bass Buggy Pontoon Boat. Everything included. Reduced. 812-457-6652.

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John Deere Riding Mower L118
Mower is 22 horsepower with 42 inch cut. $500, call 270-522-7694.

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Mower has a triple-bin bagger. 18 horsepower with 42 inch cut. $600, call 270-522-7694.

Home Furnishings

Antique Cherry End Tables
$100. 270-886-8467/889-5945

Corner Shelf
4 tier. Walnut color. $50. 270-886-8467/889-5945

Couch
Gold color. 3 cushions. $60. 270-886-8467/889-5945

Kid's Daybed
White with new mattress. $40. 270-439-1628

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Two Lazy Boy recliners. Excellent Condition. Beige fabric. $200 each. Phone 270 886 4390.

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Like-new tan microfiber office chair; high back, adjustable height. Excellent condition. $50 270-985-8181

Appliances

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Vacuum Cleaner with all attachments. Tools included. Clean. Works good. $20. 270-886-5674

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5 years old, works excellent, white. $175. Call 270-886-5065.

NOW_Buying Refrigerators, Electric Ranges, Air Conditioners. Will pick up. Marcum's, 612 Highpoint Drive 270-885-5683

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Dell Desktop Computer
Dimension 2350 desktop system, Windows XP, Office 2003, CD-R drive, 28 GB. $100, call 270-522-7694 after 6 p.m.

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$30. 270-881-2524

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Firewood For Sale
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Buildings

Steel Buildings Sale
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Miscellaneous

2 Lots
In the Lord's Supper Division of Green Hill Memorial Gardens. Both for only $1,500. Call 270-305-6153.

3 Large
Concrete Baskets. All for $75. 270-522-9789 or 270-881-7295.

Golf Carts
For sale. Gas and electric. Call 270-889-1791

Ladder
For Boat Dock. Like New. $100. 270-522-9789 or 270-881-7295.

Wanted to Buy

Wanted
6 row corn planter, John Deere. 270-522-1743

Wanted To Buy
Arrowhead collections and old guns before 1898. Call 859-734-9563

Yard Sales

Yard Sales

LOOK!
Be sure to check this classification every Saturday morning for last minute Garage Sale ads!

Tag Sale by Ouida

Feb 24th & 25th
Fri & Sat 8-5
500 Clifton Ct
Turn Right at Applebee's. Sivley Rd to stop sign. Left to Clinton Ct.
Davis Cabinet Co Desk & Chair, 2 Wicker Chairs, Wicker Couch, Queen Bedroom Set, 4 TV Sets, Henredon Tables, Mohawk Rugs, Entertainment Center, Desk & Chair, 2 Small Marble Top Tables, Sofa, 2 Thomasville Tables, Brass Tea Cart, Sewing Machine, Service for 8 Ironstone China, Set Silverplate Flatware, Dining Table & 4 Chairs, Bookcase, Mirrors, Lamps, Crocheted Bedspread, Bedspread w/Shams, Curtains and Bedskirt, Prints, Oil Paintings, File Cabinet, Leaf Blower, 2 Weed Eaters, Golf Clubs, Dolls, Parrot Butter Dish, Waterford Pitcher, Candelabra & Candle Holder Lots Of Nice Lamps & Kitchenware, Lots & Lots of UK Items, Books, Records & Much More.
Owner: Mary Lee

Real Estate Rentals

Apartments for Rent

2 BEDROOM_Upstairs Apartment. Central heat/air. Stove and fridge. Water furnished. 1523 West 7th St. $425 month. $425 deposit. 270-885-5412.

Accepting Applications Chapel House Friendship House
Income based studio, 1 bedroom, and handicap accessible apartments for seniors age 62 plus. Utilities included, maintenance free. Onsite Chaplain, Activities Director, and Banking Services. Become a part of Christian Care Communities family on a campus setting. Call Stacy at Chapel House 270-885-0680 or Connie at Friendship House (270) 885-4119. TDD# 270-885-0704 Equal Housing Opportunity.

Hopkinsville
1-2 Bedrooms
$295-$575. Call Sandifer Property Management and Leasing. 886-4601

LARGE 2-3_ Home apt. New carpet and paint. $600/deposit and lease. No pets. 518 Country Club Ln. 270-886-6527

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One Bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Utilities included. Laundry facility short or long term lease. Located at 2523 Fort Campbell Boulevard. 270-886-0712.

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Calvin Manor Apartments have carpet, ceiling fan, appliances and on-site laundry facility. Equal Housing Opportunity. Call Pam at (270) 885-9425 TTY ONLY 1-800-648-6056 http://calvinmanor apts.tripod.com

Houses for Rent

2 Bedroom
212 22nd St. Contact 270-348-3768

209 Hunting Creek Rd
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great neighborhood, large 1800 sq ft, home. Wood fire place, 2 car garage, formal living room with built in shelves. $975 rent/deposit. Call 270-881-3265.

3 Bedroom
2 bath house in Sivley Trace Subdivision. $950 a month plus deposit. 270-707-0641.

326 Northwind
2 Bedrooms. 2 Full baths $675 month plus deposit. 270-839-5334/886-2990

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Attractive
2 bedrooms, updated bath. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. $550 / month. No pets. 270-719-1001/881-8043

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Bahama Drive
3 bedroom, 2 bath, mother-in-law quarters, family room and living room. Garage. No pets. $900. 270-719-1001

Garden Home
540 Southwind Dr. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths 1 car garage. Fenced yard. All appliances furnished. No Pets $700 month. $250 deposit. (270) 886-9585.

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2-3 BEDROOMS_Rentals. $425-$495. 270-885-7832.

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Houses For Rent
$450 to $900 a month. Call Sandifer Property Management & Leasing. 270-886-4601

Oak Grove, KY
3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 story home. Nice neighborhood. Large fenced lot. No pets. $795 month/deposit. Verifiable references. 931-503-1698

NEW TODAY!

Otis Circle
3 Bedrooms, 1 bath. Remodeled. Large yard. $550. 270-881-7044.

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2 And 4 Bedroom Townhomes With Garage
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Mobile Homes for Rent

3 Bedrooms
2 baths 16x80 in Lafayette No Inside Pets. 270-887-8580 or 270-271-2502 after 6 p.m. Available March 1st.

Commercial Property for Rent

40x80 Storage Unit
$750. 270-484-0895.

Commercial Property for Rent

Hopkinsville
Office Space
Quality location. First Month Free. 270-889-3395 or wallybryan@hotmail.com Various size combinations.

Medical Office For Lease
Off bypass. 3600 sq.ft. /2600 sq.ft. Will model to suit. Can also subdivide. Call 270-889-0282

Office Space For Lease
3000 sq.ft of office space in a beautiful park setting just off 41A in Oak Grove. Will finish to suit. Call 270-439-5675 for more information.

Storage Units
15x40. Overhead Door Loading Dock. $100/month. 270-885-9294.

Travel/Leisure Rentals

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Local timeshare owner has three rentals available. 2 bedroom ($300) and 1 bedroom deluxe ($200) at Wyndham Resorts Panama City Beach and 2 bedroom deluxe Wyndham Resorts Great Smokies Lodge ($300) Email mjw1370@gmail.com for more information

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Homes for Sale

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3 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, basement with fireplace, fenced yard, FHA appraised, seller will pay closing costs, $114,900. Real Living Southern Style 270-886-3055 or 270-839-4912, ask for Etta.

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Affordable
New Home Construction. Up to 100 Percent financing. Low fixed interest rates. Call 270-350-6599 realestatesbeststop.com

Donna Drive Area
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Heloise Hint
Pay attention to household drains so they don't get clogged. For example, do not pour fats, vegetable oils or cooking grease down your kitchen sink.

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4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, full finished basement and 1 car garage. 2600 sq ft. Open floor plan. Built in 2010. Minutes from I-24. Listed with Donna Clark at Lakeland Realty and Tonja West at Real Southern Living. Call 270-792-4563 or 270-348-0733 $259,000

Minutes To Ft. Campbell (Oak Grove)
3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 story home on end of Cul-de-sac. Quiet neighborhood. Large fenced lot. 931-503-1698

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Homes for Sale

House For Sale PETSCH LANE
2700 sq. ft. house on 2 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, dining & living room, utility room, den with fireplace, 1 car garage 189,500 call 270-889-8506.

Must Sell!
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THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 2012
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! This year you forge a new path, but only after you are sure that the status quo does not work. Tension and sarcasm often mark your endeavors. Are they a reason to move in another direction? Only you will be able to decide this, and you will. Deal with funds carefully. Your communication excels. If you are single, you will see the results of being able to present yourself well. Look for romance after June. If you are attached, the two of you work through some hot-button issues. Passion plays a significant role in your bond. ARIES always encourages you.

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Aries after 6:25 p.m. (PST). Before that time, the Moon is in Pis**ces.**

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Much might be going on at work and also within yourself. You could become angry, but try not to act on that feeling. Sarcasm could be a whole other issue. You probably just need time to yourself. A walk might work. Close your door, if possible. Tonight: Perking up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You benefit in the daylight hours. Whatever you decide to do works out even better than you thought possible. Meetings work well. Ideas flourish when talking with a group of people. Surprises surround you. Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Conflict is possible with a boss. Honor your differences and remember who is in charge. Your words could come off as harsh-sounding when dealing with this person. Postpone an important conversation until dinnertime. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ If you are not sure as to which way to go, reach out to a trusted friend. Together, if you are open, you can figure out the proper path. When you detach, you gain a better perspective about conversations and interactions. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Sarcasm marks the morning. Be smart, and avoid playing into this behavior. You know what you want and where you are going. Do not get caught up in trivial matters. Let your mind expand in order to grasp the details of a new situation. Tonight: Get away from the here and now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others continue to knock on your door, and will call and email you. You might be surprised at all the inquiries. Do not get short-tempered simply because you have too much on your plate. Instead, tell them what ails you. Close relating earmarks the afternoon. Tonight: Make nice with a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Focus on work and your accomplishments. You have so much to do and so little time. Your effectiveness emerges. Schedule distractions and meetings for as late as you can. An associate or co-worker could be a source of frustration. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Remove yourself from situations where you might not be energized or interested. Others will be able to see your lack of involvement. Focus on what is challenging. If you opt for a bohemian route, you will succeed. Sometimes a staid attitude does not work. Tonight: Try to make it early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You move slowly when dealing with a boss or older relative. You wonder why you have done what you have as of late, especially with another person's attitude. Stay centered, and remember that you also gain in this situation. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Make phone calls and schedule meetings. Above all else, do not stand on ceremony — especially with a key person. Rather than encouraging separation, you will melt down emotional walls. News involving travel and/or new information forces thought and possible action. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Refuse to get involved with others financially, or to accept another person's idea regarding your funds. You might not be right, but he or she might not be right either. Time is your ally, though you might feel pressured by a situation. Schedule a discussion with a respected adviser for later in the day. Tonight: Listen to the pros and cons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Someone might be trying to push your buttons. Stay centered and nonreactive, and this person will stop. Now is not the time to clear the air. Get done what you must, then decide when you would like to clear the air. Tonight: Get another opinion and maybe one more. Then decide.

BORN TODAY: Author John Sandford (1944), rock/blues guitarist Johnny Winter (1944), actor Peter Fonda (1940)

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with KRS 424, notice is hereby given that the Little River Water Quality Consortium will hold a special called meeting in the City Council Chambers, Lackey Municipal Building, 101 North Main Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky on February 28, 2012 at ***12:00 p.m.*** (noon). The purpose of the special meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of Minutes
A. May 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes
IV. Old Business
A. None
V. New Business
A. USGS Presentation
VI. Adjournment

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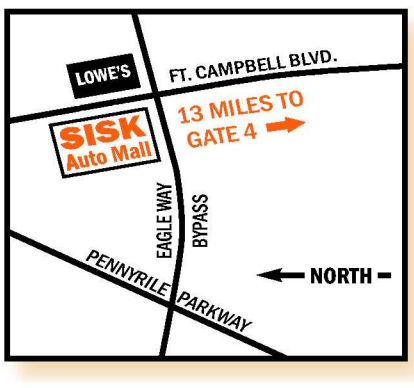

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